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10,000 JOIN FIGHT TO SAVE HOSPITAL

A PETITION calling on health bosses to safeguard the future of Kidderminster Hospital has been signed by 10,000 people in the town.

The petition was organised by the Kidderminster Hospital Alliance which was set up to prevent the hospital from being downgraded or closed. A short-list of options for a revamp of health services in Worcestershire, which could threaten Kidderminster hospital with closure, will be announced next month.

Health chiefs are reviewing how they can manage the county's main hospitals while facing a shortfall in funding.

Six models of care have drawn up, including two which could lead to the Kidderminster site being shut or downgraded.

Chief Executive of NHS Worcestershire, Eammon Kelly, said the preferred options would be announced in September.

A formal consultation will get under way in November.

"Everyone in the county will have the opportunity to comment on our options.

Decisions

"NHS Worcestershire will also provide further detail, which will include more public meetings, when it launches a full, county-wide consultation.

"No decisions about the future of health services have been made yet and the NHS is encouraging everyone to get involved in the consultation.

"All views expressed will be taken into account before final decisions are made."

Each of the six models would, as a minimum, see minor injury treatment facilities, outpatient services and some diagnostic services remain in Kidderminster, Redditch and Worcester, although this could be at existing sites or at different premises.

Man hurt in gang attack on towpath

A MAN walking along a canal towpath in Kidderminster was attacked by six young men.

One asked the man for a light before launching the vicious attack.

The victim, in his 30s, was knocked to the ground and kicked and punched.

His attackers took around £67 from him before running off. He was left with cuts and bruises, but did not need treatment.

The attack happened last Thursday between the Watermill pub and Lisle Avenue.

One attacker was white, 17 to 21, heavily built, around 5ft 8inches tall, with mousy brown to blond hair which was short, gelled and spiky down the middle. One of his eyebrows was pierced.

One of the others was dark skinned or tanned, more than 6ft tall, slim, of similar age, and clean shaven with dark hair which was combed back.

He was wearing a dark blue, hooded top and blue jeans.

Detective Inspector Dean Jones of Kidderminster CID said: "This was a nasty and unprovoked incident."

Anyone with information should call police on 101, quoting reference 690-S-230812, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Victoria in new tussle

A FRESH battle for control has begun at Kidderminster carpet firm Victoria.

Three non-executive directors who resigned from the board this month have called a general meeting.

They hope to oust chairman Katherine Innes Ker and two non-executive directors appointed after their departure.

Managing director Alan Bullock has warned the plan could put the future of the 117-year-old company under threat.

A date for the general meeting has not yet been fixed.

NHS sites targeted in thefts

METAL thieves have struck at two hospital sites in Kidderminster

Thousands of pounds of damage was caused to a bungalow at the former Lea Castle Hospital in Cookley.

The raiders stole copper water pipes and cut the mains pipe, flooding the property. The cost of the damage has been estimated at £10,000.

They also stripped £1,000 worth of lead flashing from windows at Kidderminster Hospital.

It's believed the thieves targeted the Cookley site some time between 5.15pm on Wednesday and 10.20am on Thursday last week.

The theft at Kidderminster Hospital was discovered on Tuesday last week.

Speaking of the Cookley raid, Pc Rich Allen of Kidderminster police said: "Metal theft is not a victimless crime. This site still belongs to the NHS and any cost to them is a cost to the public purse."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Residents battle to put brake on traffic



Councillors John Thomas, left, and Ken Henderson, right, with resident Ray Kilgour

PEOPLE living near a growing school in Stourport want action to slow the traffic going past it.

They want the speed limit near the school to be cut to 20mph.

Ray Kilgour who lives near Bartholomew's Primary in Princess Way, Areley Kings, organised a petition after noticing cars were ignoring the 30mph limit. He has collected 260 signatures.

"The speed of the traffic is out of this world – it is really dangerous," he said.

"The school was made bigger recently so there are a lot of more children than there used to be. I am worried someone will get hurt.

"I have spoken to lots of parents dropping off their children at the school and they all support the petition. I want a 20mph speed limit to force the drivers to slow down."

His campaign has been backed by Stourport town councillor Ken Henderson.

He said: "I think the number of people who have signed the petition shows that it is a major concern.

"Speeding is a big problem in Areley Kings but it is particularly worrying in Princess Way because of the school.

"Full credit to Mr Kilgour for collecting the signatures."

Worcestershire County Council's cabinet member for transport Councillor John Smith vowed to look into Mr Kilgour's concerns.

"We will certainly take a look at what is happening there. We are always conscious of the safety of young children," he said.

Booming firm is to create 100 jobs

UP to 100 new jobs are to be created at an expanding communications firm in Kidderminster.

Drpgroup, which is based in Hartlebury, is investing £2.6 million to create a new head office.

Bosses say the expanded base, bringing production facilities under one roof, will allow the company to increase its workforce.

The firm produces live events, video and digital programmes and other communication services.

The building, on the Ikon Trading Estate in Droitwich Road, was once the site for a Second World War ammunition store.

But it will be transformed over the coming months to house the group's administration, creative, event management, technical service, digital media, design and print, and video facilities.

Around 50 jobs have already been created by the firm over the past two and a half years. The further 100 positions will be created over the next three years.

Managing director Dale Parmenter said: "We are all aware that the country and the marketplace have been hit by the ongoing economic troubles.

"This isn't the first recession we have been through and successful businesses are the ones who use this time to invest."

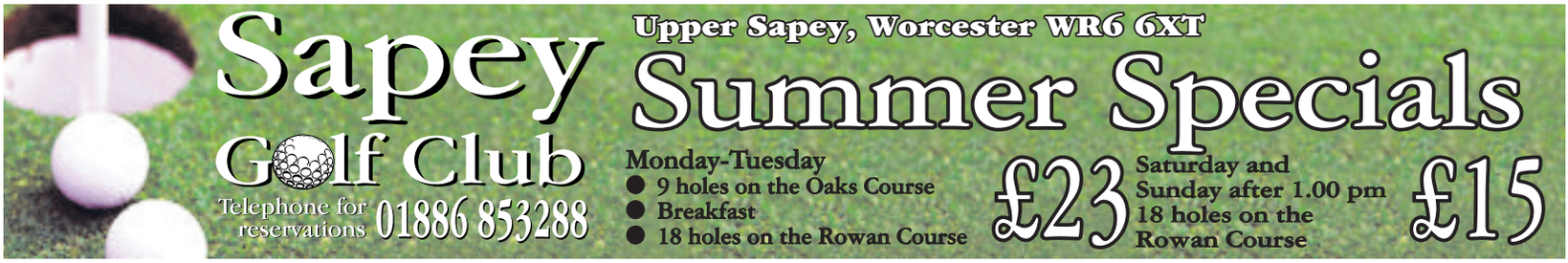
Opening set for museum

KIDDERMINSTER Carpet Museum will open to the public on October 20.

Work is continuing on installations at the grade-II listed Stourvale Mill, in Green Street.

Patron of the carpet museum trust Lord Cobham of Hagley Hall, will carry out the opening on October 19.

Spokesman Charles Talbot said: "Everything is coming together although there is still work which needs to be carried out before it is exactly how we want it."



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Celebrations as pupils make the GCSE grade

PUPILS have been celebrating GCSE successes, despite a national controversy about grades.

Students at Holy Trinity International School in Kidderminster managed a 100 per cent pass rate again.

And 95 per cent got pass grades including English, maths and science. Pass rates of 88 per cent for English and 78 per cent for maths are new records for the school.

Top performers included: Ellen Page, seven A* and 5 A grades; Eleanor Brunt, four A* and 8 A grades; Rebecca Blakeway, four A* and 6 A grades; Abigail Deakin, two A* and 8 A grades, and Grace Elcock with three A* and 8 A grades.

Head teacher Pamela Leek-Wright said: "We are delighted that once again our students have done well."



Rebecca Blakeway, Kimberley Jenns, Naomi Wittkop, Sophie Robinson and Rebecca Rowberry celebrate their results at Kidderminster's Holy trinity International School

Excellent

Pupils at Edgecliff High, in Kinver, were celebrating after pupils achieved the school's best-ever set of GCSE results.

Staff said 68 per cent of students had secured at least five A* to C grades, including English and maths. Headteacher Chris Rogers said: "We are all delighted with this excellent set of results."

Pupils at Haybridge High School in Hagley had their most successful year yet, with 99.4 per cent getting five A*-C grades, with 89 per cent getting the grades including English and maths.

The number of students gaining three or more A or A* grades also increased this year, to 68 per cent.

Some 88 per cent of The Kingswinford School's students got five or more A* to Cs.

A total of 79 per cent of students got five A* to Cs at Holly Hall Academy in Dudley, with 40 per cent including English and maths. Among the pupils celebrating was 16-year-old Izzah Asif, of Dudley, who had achieved eight A*s. She plans to go on to study biology, chemistry, maths and politics.

Maths whizz Rio Dasour was celebrating achieving a C grade in Maths at the age of just nine.

The youngster, of Great Bridge, attends Summerhill Primary in Tipton.

The youngster said by the end of next year he hoped to have achieved a grade A in maths and his dream is to become a doctor.

Some 67 per cent Stourport High School students achieved five A* to C grades, which is seven per cent up on last year.

At Stourbridge's Old Swinford Hospital School, 91.21 per cent got A* to C in five or more subjects.

The number with five A*-C grades including English and maths at Crestwood School in Kingswinford rose 11 per cent, while 99.3 per cent passed overall.

Market takes to the street

THIS weekend marks the first anniversary of the new Bewdley local produce market.

The market, which is held on the first Sunday of the month, focuses on local food and local businesses as part of a wider initiative to encourage people to grow and buy local quality food.

Based in Load Street, the market has doubled in size over the past year. There is a wide range of stallholders selling meat, vegetables, pies, vegetarian dishes, cakes, preserves and drinks who are all based within 20 miles of Bewdley.

Half of the businesses are based within just four miles of the town.

There are also local craft stalls.

Peter Miller of Bewdley Development Trust said: "The market has become an established part of Bewdley's calendar of events.

"We are always looking for opportunities to develop the range of local food and craft stalls on offer and would ask anybody interested to get in touch with us."

For details of the market please contact Bewdley Development Trust on 01299 405516.

Charity concert

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Pigs dig in to give wildlife a boost

VISITORS to woodlands near Kinver could find themselves bumping in to some unusual fellow country lovers.

Pigs are snuffling around in the bracken at Kinver Edge.

Hay Farm Project based in Six Ashes, near Kinver, has provided three Hampshire sows to the National Trust for an experiment to control Himalayan Balsam which has come to dominate woodland and rivers, destroying wildlife habitats.

The woodland at Kinver Edge is a site of special scientific interest.

Alex Morley of the National Trust said: "The pigs have been eating the balsam and stopping it seeding. They also turn over the soil where we know we have heather seed waiting for the opportunity to germinate."

Clearing the area will allow plants such as heather and gorse to grow, which provide feeding areas for butterflies and other invertebrates. The work is part of plans to restore the woodland glades of Kinver Edge, to improve opportunities for adders and lizards to breed.

Time for a walk

A SIX-MILE guided walk, taking in Kinver Edge and the rock houses will set off from the Comber Road entrance on September 23 at 10am. To book a place on the walk call 01562 712822.

£450,000 bill for furnishing council's new headquarters

COUNCIL bosses are spending up to £450,000 on furniture, fittings and equipment at their new multi-million headquarters in Kidderminster.

by Adam Burling

And they are now giving away their old desks and chairs. Wyre Forest District Council said the surplus furniture and equipment was either no longer fit for purpose or did not fit in the new development.

Council leader John Campion has invited Wyre Forest-based voluntary and charitable organisations to bid for the furniture and equipment at no charge.

Around 200 council staff will be moved to the new headquarters from other council-owned or operated offices.

Surplus

Older buildings owned by the authority are expected to be sold to raise the cash for the £10 million development.

Councillor Campion said: "Obviously we have re-used as much furniture as possible, but as in any relocation there is furniture that is either unfit for purpose or simply doesn't fit.

"We have decided to deal with the surplus furniture by giving it away locally as it's the most cost-effective disposal for the Council."

Free items available include meeting chairs, workstation chairs, small tables, three and four-drawer desk pedestals, workstations, bookcase shelves, three-drawer desks, desk lamps and desk fans.

The council had planned to move into the building at Finepoint Business Park, near Stourport, at the start of September.

But bosses have been told BT is unable to install vital data links for the council's computer system as scheduled.

Staff are now expected to move into the site at the beginning of October.

The new building has proved controversial since it was announced in 2010. Some councillors said the existing facilities should have been modernised instead to save money.

Anyone interesting in the furniture should email Holly Wilson for a form by August 31.

She can be contacted by email at holly.wilson@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Gruelling challenge boosts hospital



Front left to right, Dean Conlon, and Carl Annetts. with, clockwise from bottom left, Beverley Farmer, Wez Bowler, Iain White, and Nobby Clarke

VOLUNTEERS faced a test of stamina when they powered a pump trolley 32 miles along the Severn Valley Railway to raise money for the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham.

The event was in memory of long-serving volunteer with the railway, Ursula Broadhurst, who was treated at the hospital before she died in April.

The gruelling challenge from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth and back, covered 32 miles.

Teams of five powered the small, four-wheeled flatbed by pumping the handles in a see-saw style.

In the 1990s, the trolley marathon was an annual fundraiser before the trolley became a permanent exhibit at the Engine House Museum in Highley.

The teams began their relay at 7.30pm on Saturday and people were invited to line the platforms of the six stations between Kidderminster and Bridgnorth to support the volunteers.

People can still make donations to the hospital appeal by logging on to the website justgiving.co.uk/pump

Police in warning on firing BB guns

POLICE warned that someone could be injured or maimed after a number of incidents in which ball bearing (BB) guns were fired in public places.

In one incident last week a man had minor injuries when he was hit by a pellet in Bromsgrove Street, Kidderminster.

There were two other incidents, in Humphrey Avenue, Bromsgrove, but no-one was hurt.

A BB gun was also fired in Oak Tree Avenue, Redditch, and a man had minor injuries when he was hit.

A 17-year-old girl and a 21-year-old man were arrested in connection with that incident.

Officers do not believe the incidents are linked.

Inspector Kevin Lane, of Kidderminster police said: "No weapon should ever be regarded as a toy as it has the capacity to kill or seriously injure someone.

"Police will take robust action against anyone caught firing such weapons at the public."

Craft invitation

BEWDLEY Art and Craft weekend is on September 15 and 16. Artists and craftspeople can exhibit and sell their work, and trade stalls are welcome. More details from Ann on 01299 404226 or Maggie on 01299 404065.

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Booming firm's success recognised



Some of the team at the Kingswinford head office of ventilation firm Elta Group

A FAMILY-OWNED ventilation manufacturer is celebrating after being ranked in 41st place in a study of the region's leading businesses.

University of Wolverhampton research also placed Elta Group as the seventh biggest in the general manufacturing sector. Elta had a turnover of more than £81 million last year, an increase of £11 million on the previous year.

The company, based on the Pensnett trading estate, Kingswinford, has strengthened its position acquiring businesses as far afield as Australia. But Elta Group vice chairman David Ball said that the company's roots remained in the Black Country.

Rural roads danger alert

DRIVERS in rural parts of Worcestershire are being warned of hazards caused by farm working.

The Safer Roads Partnership and the police are reminding motorists that harvest time means that there will be more agricultural vehicles on the roads.

The partnership warns that there is not only more risk of a crash, but that debris on the road could create additional hazards.

And a warning has gone out to farmers too.

The partnership says that farmers and contractors have a duty to ensure that their vehicles are cleared of any mud or debris before they go on the road.

Excess mud on the road is a danger to cars, motorbikes and cyclists and can cause skidding, especially in the wet, they say.

Drivers of agricultural vehicles are also being urged to consider other road users.

They are asked to pull into lay-bys to allow other vehicles to pass safely, avoiding traffic build-up.

Failure to do so could lead to prosecution for careless or inconsiderate driving.

Vicki Bristow, of the West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership, said: "If these points are adhered to, it will reduce the road safety concerns for all road users.

"Motorists need to be aware that there is are more agricultural vehicles on the roads and not to chance risky manoeuvres."

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180mph getaway driver is jailed for nine years

THE fastest driver ever caught in the UK has started a nine-year jail sentence after racing at speeds of up to 180mph along the M6 in Staffordshire.

Ben Westwood, of Woden Road, Wednesfield, was behind the wheel of a stolen £85,000 Audi RS5 as he outpaced the police helicopter while hurtling north along the M6 from Wolverhampton to Stafford.

He then doubled back and dumped the car in Pickering Road, Wednesfield, following a 65-mile chase and was later found in a flat nearby.

Westwood, aged 33, was linked to more than a dozen smash and grab raids in the Midlands. The five-month crime spree put 1,500 miles on the stolen Audi and included raids in Stourport, Worcester, Cannock, Rugeley, Wednesfield, Walsall, Bentley Bridge, Stoke and Market Drayton.

Flames

The crime wave ended after police swooped to arrest crooks involved in a bungled attempt to cut open a cash machine in Warstones Road, Penn, on January 13. Westwood sped off in the Audi, one of only two in the country.

In the chase that followed he was going so fast on the M6 that flames appeared to be shooting from the rear of the vehicle.

Detectives had already uncovered a pattern. Combing CCTV footage they spotted a distinctive white Audi near all the crimes. The saloon matched a vehicle stolen in Stourport on August 3, 2011. The Audi had a Lamborghini engine and racing car brakes.

Among the offences it was linked to was a raid on a Tesco in Heath Hayes, Cannock, in September, 2011. The hood of a member of the masked gang snagged on a shattered rollershutter. He looked like Westwood, who had already been identified by police as a possible suspect. Less than a quarter of an hour after the Heath Hayes raid, a gang struck again at the Co-op in Cannock Road, Wolverhampton, near Westwood's home.

The facts added to the growing suspicion that Westwood was at the centre of the crime spree.

Downfall

Each raid took little more than five minutes to complete, with the gang filling dustbins with packets of cigarettes.

It was the 65-mile police chase following the raid in Penn that led to Westwood and his gang's downfall. Police obtained the proof they needed for a prosecution when they caught Westwood minutes after he dumped the Audi. He was found guilty of conspiracy to burgle, conspiracy to steal and dangerous driving.

Four men in the dock with him either admitted or were found guilty of conspiracy to steal but were involved in only the Penn garage attempted cash theft.

Greg Simpson, aged 41, of Wordsworth Road, Wolverhampton, received a four-year jail sentence; Ramesh Sharma, 38, of Barrington Close, Oxley, got three years; Luke Watkins, 34, of Whetstone Grove, Bushbury, jailed for three years and nine months, and Stephen Green, of Castlebridge Road, Wednesfield, jailed for four years.



Westwood's route during the police chase

Crime spree

THE Worcestershire raids that were linked to Westwood and the Audi:

August 3. (2011) Audi RS5 stolen from address in Stourport.

September 28. Tesco, Millwood Drive, Worcester. £200 damage.

September 28. Co-op, Ombersley Road, Worcester. £4,000 of cigarettes and £4,000 worth of damage.

November 3. Spa, Lower Lick Hill Road, Stourport. £2,000 theft and £700 damage.

November 4. Carbon copy raid to the previous night on Spa store in Lower Lick Road, Stourport.

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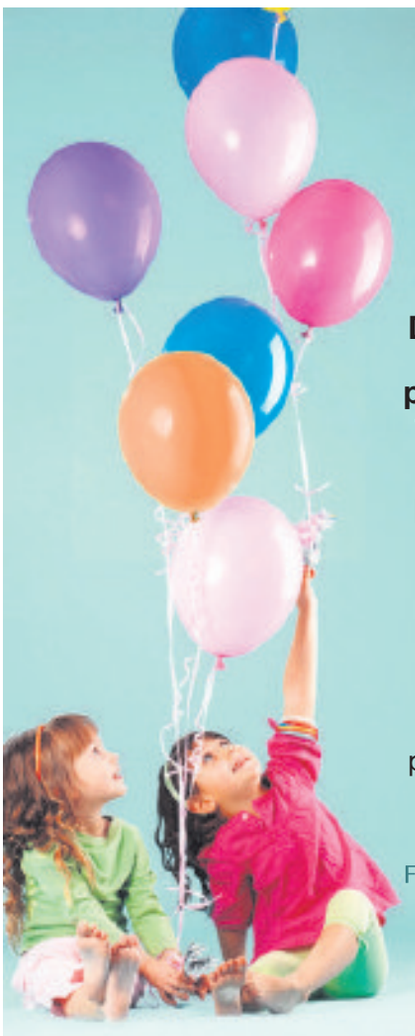
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COMPETITION

Just the ticket so get on your bike

TO mark The Cycle Show's return to Birmingham's NEC next month the Chronicle series is offering 20 lucky readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to the show.

Some of the world's best-known cycling brands are set to take centre stage at the NEC for this year's show, which is open to the public from Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30.

Visitors will be able to grab a preview of the very latest bikes, accessories and fashions for 2013. Familiar brands already confirmed include Trek, Shimano, Raleigh, Condor and Specialized, but fans of cycling exotica will be spoilt for choice with the likes of Italian road racing specialists, Pinarello, Colnago and Cinelli all exhibiting.

Raleigh is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2012 and is showcasing its full range of bikes and accessories as well as creating a special entrance to the show with a display of classic Raleigh bikes and advertising from its archives.

Woodland

Whether you are looking to try out the latest mountain or road bikes, get an autograph from some of Britain's top pros including Olympic Gold medallists Joanna Rowsell and Ed Clancy, or see top flight BMX riders battle it out for a cut of a £5,000 prize purse, the show promises a packed day of cycling mayhem.

Regular visitors to the NEC might be unaware that there is now a 1km mountain bike route running through woodland in the grounds of the venue. Visitors will be able to choose from a top selection of 2013 bikes before setting off for a spin around the Dare2b course.

The outdoor WASP Road Bike test track is being made electric bike friendly this year so visitors can see what the bikes in this fast-growing sector offer compared to traditional commuter bikes.This year's show will also feature a new Tour Ride Sportive on the Sunday, offering two distances - a 96k challenge and a 150k pro ride – that you can sign up for.

Spectacle

The sportive, the last in the Tour Ride series for the 2012 season, will allow riders to head out into the Warwickshire countryside before heading back to the NEC for a look around the show.

This year will also see the addition of a Super Crit circuit race around the NEC on the Saturday evening – a fantastic event for riders and a great spectacle.

The show is set to be more family friendly than ever, with free tickets for every child under five with a paying adult and tickets for £1 for under 14s with a paying adult.

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NEWS

A toast to summer



William Kellet and Sophie Wyatt, both three, enjoying their juicy creations

CHILDREN at Holy Trinity International School's nursery in Kidderminster made the most of the summer sun with a lesson in healthy cocktail making.

Nursery assistant Joanne Potter, explained: "The children love to take part in activities which involve food and yummy drinks, and with the weather being rather warm we thought a spot of healthy cocktail making would be just the thing to engage their interest and their taste buds."

During the summer holidays the nursery offered children activities such as baking biscuits, making fruit kebabs as well as creating their very own fruity cocktails.

With supervision, the children were able to cut fruit and mix juices before very quickly sampling their creations.

"Making cocktails was loads of fun and very sticky, and is an activity which helps encourage them to join in and interact with the other children." added Miss Potter.

Towns set to buzz as events pull in crowds

CROWDS are expected to flock to heritage events being planned at Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport.

The Heritage Open Days are on September 8 and 9, and the entertainment will include Kidderminster Canal Festival, Stourport canal trips and guided walks in both towns.

Entrance to events is free, but there will be charges for some activities and trips.

by Tim Spiers

In Kidderminster festivities start at the Town Hall on the Saturday at 10am with the Red Snappers Jazz Band performing.

There will be canal trips from Frankie and Benny's at 10.30am, 12.30, 2.30 and 4.00pm. Tickets are £5 for adults, £4 for pensioners and £3 for children.

Activities

Guided canal walks start at 10am. Meet at Carter's store car park. And at 4pm the Kidderminster carnival duck race gets under way from outside the Tesco store.

There are heritage activities at St Mary and All Saints Church, Caldwell Castle, New Meeting House Unitarian Church, St Georges Church, and the Museum of Carpet at Green Street on Saturday. For details call 01562 732928.

At Stourport canal basin there will be mini-canal boat trips on Sunday, leaving at noon, 2pm and 4pm.

Guided walks take place on Sunday and there are heritage activities at St Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Stourport Masonic Lodge, Wesley Methodist Church, and St Bartholomew's Church. For details visit www.stourport-town.co.uk

On Sunday Bewdley mayor's parlour and the council chamber, at the Guild Hall, will be open from noon. On Saturday and Sunday, there are heritage activities at local churches. For details visit www.wyre-forestdc.gov.uk/events

Wyre Forest District Councillor Julian Phillips said: "We're hoping the towns will be buzzing."

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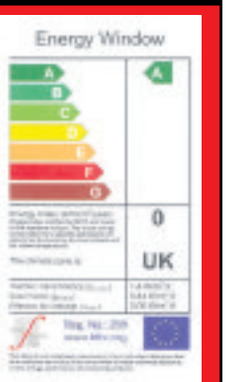
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NEWS

Speedway legend Collins will be guest at classic bike show

SPEEDWAY and grasstrack legend Peter Collins is to make a special public appearance near the scene of one of his spectacular triumphs.

Collins will be guest of honour at the 26th Borders Classic Bike Show at Cleobury Mortimer – just a few miles from the venue of the Bewdley Bonanza grasstrack meeting, of which he is a past winner.



Collins in his heyday

Organiser David Spruce said that was the connection which persuaded the 58-year-old former world speedway champion to accept his invitation to the event at Lacon Childe school for September 8-9.

"I know a friend of his," said Mr Spruce, who is organising his first Borders show following the retirement after 25 years of motorcycle journalist Jim Reynolds.

"I asked him to have a chat. The friend said that, as soon as he told him where it was, he said 'Crikey, that's close to the Bewdley Bonanza' and he would be more than happy to do it.

"We've had a number of guests who are road racers. But Peter Collins used to race all over the Midlands with speedway and locally with grasstrack."

If the sight of Collins recalls the great days of the sport, then so too will sounds from the bikes.

"We will have about 150 motorbikes on display, all pre-1980," added Mr Spruce.

"There will be grasstrack machines, speedway, road-racers, vintage and veteran."

There will be spares on sale and trade stands.

Visitors will also be able to toast Collins with a special beer. Cleobury Mortimer brewers Hobsons are brewing a special pale ale, called Champion, in honour of the man who won the world individual title in 1976 and nine other pairs and team world crowns.

Cash raised at the show will go to local charities.

For details, call 07986 170715. To order Champion beer, visit www.hobsons-brewery.co.uk

Narrowboat brings play to town



Ruth Cataroche, Caroline Hallam, Robert Took, Nicholas Coutu-Langmead. Picture by chris@enjoyphotograph.com

MIKRON Theatre Company brings a rich tale of Luddites and mill owners, the inventors and the croppers, to Stourport Civic Centre next week.

The group travels on a vintage narrow-boat, to take original theatre to audiences across the country.

Can You Keep A Secret is at the civic centre on Wednesday, September 5, at 7.30pm.

The play tells of dramatic events in the 19th century – an assault on a Yorkshire mill, a killing, and the hanging of 17 men in York.

The harsh realities of working peoples' lives and the tragic consequences of people pushed to their limits are intertwined with a clandestine love affair.

The show is coming to Stourport thanks to a partnership of Stourport Forward, The Civic Group, and Mikron.

Tom Elliott, director of Stourport Forward said: "We are lucky to have this talented group here in Stourport once more, with one of their two new shows."

For details about the show people can contact Liz Sheerin, Stourport Forward, on 0791 732 6561, www.stourporttown.co.uk or www.the-civicstourport.co.uk

There is no need to buy a ticket, as a collection will be taken by the company at the end of the show.

Charity in move to bigger premises

A CHARITY has moved to a new shop after outgrowing its earlier premises.

Dudley Kidney Patients Association's new premises are in High Street, Kingswinford.

The group has moved from Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, where it was based for four years.

Association secretary Judith Sidaway said: "Our new shop is on two floors and is not only a lot bigger than our Lawnswood Road premises but also many more people pass it every day, which we hope will bring in more customers."

Mrs Sidaway's late husband, Ted, a kidney patient who died in 2001 aged 65, launched the charity's first shop about 18 years ago.

The shop, which is open from 9.30am to 4pm Monday to Saturday, has been raising at least £10,000 a year towards the upkeep of three holiday caravans which kidney patients and their families can use for breaks.It also makes donations to the renal unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Club's golf day

ALVELEY Cricket Club's golf day is on September 15 at Sapey Golf Club near Worcester. The event is open to anyone. There will be prizes and a rophy for the winner. Call 01746 781639.

Tour of housing estate scheme

RESIDENTS involved in a multi-million pound housing development were taken on a special tour to see how the work is progressing.

They were given the chance to see the final stage in the transformation of the former North Priory housing estate in Dudley.

Work began in the summer to build 214 homes on the new development, now known as Friars Gate, following the completion of the first phase earlier this year.

Dudley Council worked with affordable housing provider Bromford to secure £2.7m from the government's Homes and Communities Agency to complete the scheme.

The development is also providing employment opportunities. Six apprentices are working on the scheme and two Dudley firms are providing glazing, roofing and insulation.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "It's encouraging to see how much work has taken place."

Plan for bookie

PROPOSALS to turn a shop in Market Street, Kingswinford, into a betting office have been approved by members of the Dudley council planning committee.



NEWS

National Trust goes back to basics



National Trust staff and volunteers celebrate the opening of Rosedene as a holiday cottage

ROSEDENE, a small National Trust cottage in Dodford, Bromsgrove, is offering people a rare chance to step back in time and stay in one of the few Chartist cottages left in the UK.

The grade II listed cottage was built as part of the Chartist movement, which campaigned for social and political reform in the mid-19th century. One of its initiatives was to settle workers on smallholdings so they could be self-sufficient and would be entitled to vote. Rosedene was first occupied in 1849 and is largely unaltered since the Victorian era. It has two bedrooms, the kitchen is in the barn and bathroom facilities are in an outbuilding.

Spokeswoman Alice Eddy said: "It's a fascinating opportunity to get away from it all and enjoy a truly back to basics retreat."

For details see www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk

Helping hand for pubs

INDEPENDENT pub landlords facing tough times are being given a helping hand in a new competition.

They have a chance to win a £5,000 makeover for their boozers, to help attract customers.

The competition, organised by paint firm Glidden Trade, comes as pubs are having to battle to survive.

Nearly 40 in the West Midlands have closed since September 2011.

Mark Garnier, MP for Wyre Forest, who is supporting the competition, said: "Pubs play an important role in British culture and are the bedrock of many local communities.

"They deserve support so it's great that brands such as Glidden Trade are helping local pub owners attract more custom with a makeover."

To help support local decorators, professional painters who nominate their local will have the chance to carry out the redecoration work if their entry wins the top £5k prize. Pubs can also win hundreds of pounds worth of paint. Entries must be received by September 30 and the renovation will be carried out in late 2012.

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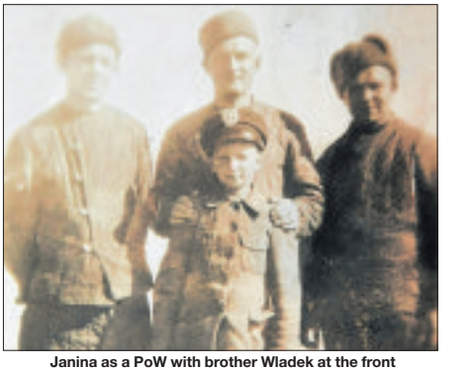
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Janina's sister Helena


Janina with her husband Marian whom she met in this country


Janina around the age of 18


Janina's brother Wladek


Janina as a PoW with brother Wladek at the front


Janina Chmielewska and her son Edward

War camp survivor wins medal seven decades on

A GREAT Wyrley woman has received the Siberian Cross from the Polish Government for her time in a repatriation camp.

by Richard Woodall

Janina Chmielewska was one of many Polish people dragged from their homes and moved to Siberia in April 1940. She was removed from the country at the age of 15 along with her 11-year-old sister Helena and 13-year-old brother Wladek. The youngster was then put to backbreaking farming work and laying railway track.

"The time there was terrible," recalled Janina, now 88, of Jacobs Hall Lane. "They kept us sometimes without food for two or three days. A lot of old people died on their way there. We had to work in places they put us in."

Her son Edward, from Walsall, is 59 and a history teacher at Wolverhampton's Heath Park Business & Enterprise College. He said: "My mother was at home and suddenly the Russian troops knocked on the door."

"She was given a couple of hours notice and just told by them to 'pack your things'. My mother would probably have been one of the oldest."

Upon leaving, he said, his mother took many layers of clothing with her in order to barter with when in Siberia.

"It had just been her birthday, and these were new clothes" he said.

"Her particular village, Zablocie, was on the eastern side of Poland. They were all rounded up, not knowing what was happening and yet probably expecting the worst. She was responsible for her younger brother and sister."

The journey was one of the hardest chapters for Mrs Chmielewska and her siblings. They were driven for mile after mile in cattle trucks in poor conditions and crowded spaces.

"The journey itself was horrendous. It was hot and unpleasant. They only had one small area for a toilet.

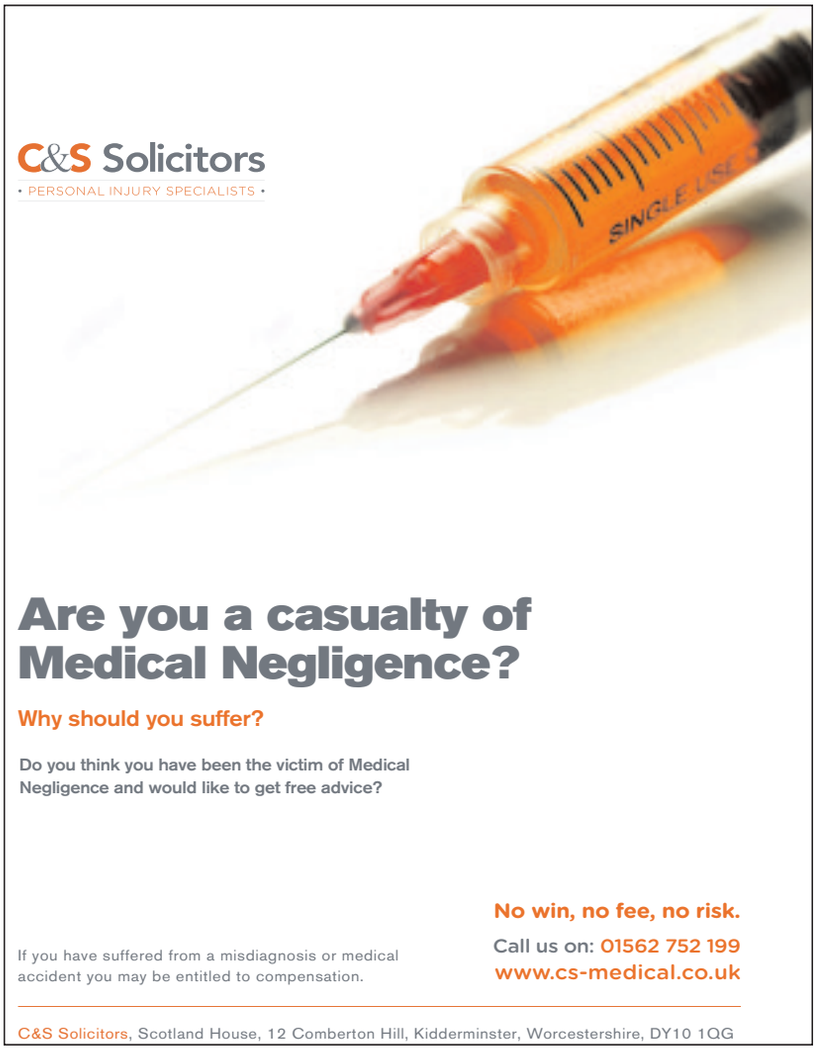
"People died in there. When they did stop, they were just hoping people would give them water."

When she arrived at the camp, she was left to fend for herself.

In June 1941 the farm workers were moved again, hundreds of miles away to lay 36 kilometres of railway line. They were made to work until, as prisoners of war, they were later released two months later.

Mr Chmielewska added: "My mother met my father, Marian, in Britain. Dad was a pilot and mum a wireless operator. I am very proud of my mother receiving it. It's important to recognise people's suffering."


Janina with her Siberian Cross medal





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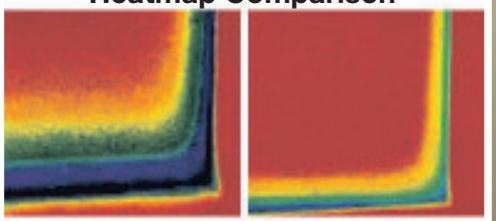
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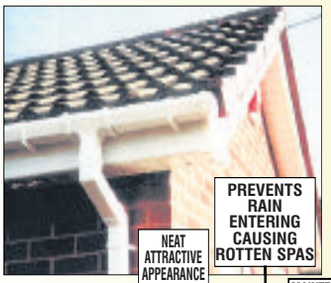
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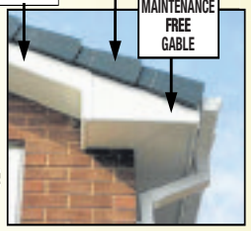
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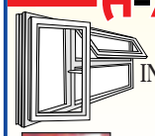
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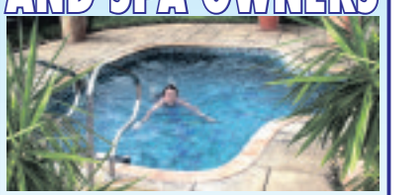
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Cycle challenge raises £15,000 for hospice



Some of the West Bromwich Building Society charity cyclists, from left, John Meachin, Lisa Meredith, Nick Trueman, Stephen Leonard and Peter Collingridge

MORE than 100 cyclists got into gear to complete the scenic Acorns Severn Valley Cycle challenge, raising £15,000-plus for local children with life-limiting conditions.

People taking part chose either a 10 or 20-mile route, both winding their way through the Severn Valley to the finish line in Bewdley.

Some stopped for a picnic half way round while others charged on to beat their personal times.

The cyclists then took a ride on the Severn Valley Railway to get back to the starting point. Among the cyclists was a team from the West Brom building society.

The eight-strong team raised £1,000 for the hospice. Acorns is the West Brom's chosen charity and it has raised more than £20,000 since the partnership began in April last year.

Lucy Shepherd, international treks and challenges officer at the hospice, said: "It was a brilliant day and we were thrilled to see such a great turn out of people supporting Acorns.

"The fantastic amount of funds pledged will directly help life-limited children and their families in the area, by paying for vital care and support services."

Acorns provides it services to families free, but it costs £750 per child per day.

Lucy added: "We would love to hear from anyone wanting to support Acorns and looking to have fun and get fit.

There are spaces in the Midnight Walk on September 15, and the Great Birmingham Run on October 21. Those up for an even bigger challenge can sign up for the once-in-a-lifetime 2013 India Cycle Challenge."

For details on the event, visit the website www.acorns.org.uk/events

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Organ to star at town hall recital

A LUNCH-TIME organ recital will take place at Kidderminster Town Hall on September 6.

Music lovers will be able to enjoy the sound of the Victorian William Hill Organ – which is one of only five of its type in the world.

The recital will start at 1.10pm and is part of the regular series run by the Hill Organ Promotion Society.

Admission to the recital is £6 and tickets will be available on the door.

Chance to view new local history archives centre as it takes shape

RESIDENTS can follow the progress of construction work on a new archives and local history centre in the Black Country from a purpose-built viewing platform.

The £6 million base is being built next to the Black Country Living Museum in Tipton Road, Dudley. Dudley Council's archives service will move from its existing building in Coseley and when the new building opens it will also be used to store documents for Sandwell Council.

Visitors can keep an eye on how work is going. It can be accessed from a door which is located within the hoardings on the site, which housed the old Brierley Crystal shop.

The new centre is expected to open to the public next summer and will provide IT and public wi-fi services, education and conference rooms, a high-tech conservation studio, a rare books library and research area.

The centre is being part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, as part of its funding for the redevelopment of the Castle Hill area of Dudley.

Artist's impressions showing how the base will look when it is completed are on display at the site. The council says it is committed to preserving and protecting the borough's historic collections which date back to the 12th century.

Dudley's cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "The viewing platform gives a brilliant view of the site."

The viewing platform is open from 9am until 5pm, Monday to Friday.



Councillor Khurshid Ahmed and archivist Gillian Roberts

Hospice's plea for walk help

ACORNS Children's Hospice is appealing for males to help at its fundraising Midnight Walk.

The walk is on September 15, and hundreds of women will set off on a 10km route around Birmingham city centre. The charity needs males to marshal the route.

Philippa Gay, of Acorns, said: "The marshals will make sure the participants follow the route safely."

For more details see www.acorns.org.uk/midnightwalk

Toy set to be a Christmas hit



Jack Pickett, aged six, from Kinver, with the new Attacknid Warrior Spider

MIDLAND toy manufacturer Wow! Stuff is already setting its sights on making its latest creation a Christmas best seller.

Attacknid, part of the Wolverhampton company's new Combat Creatures range, is expected to be the must-have toy for youngsters over the festive season. The five-legged robot, which fires foam plastic discs, has been ordered by Toys R Us, Argos and The Entertainer.

The toy went on show during a fun day at Wolverhampton Racecourse. Wow! Stuff founder Richard North, who started the company based at Wolverhampton Science Park six years ago, said: "We felt our home town should see the toy that, hopefully, will become the world's best selling boys' toy. This would normally happen at some fancy red carpet event hosted in London or New York."

The Combat Creatures range launches in the United States and Australia from March next year. Mr North said: "We are expecting the line to generate sales of over 350 million US dollrs by 2015."

MP backs lottery help for villages

WYRE Forest MP Mark Garnier has given his support for the Big Lottery Fund's Village SOS scheme.

The programme makes grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 to rural communities which want to set up social enterprises. Applications are welcomed from communities with populations of fewer than 3,000 people.

Mr Garnier said: "Rural communities face difficult and unique challenges. Living in a rural idyll provides a good quality of life but at a cost: sparser services, greater transport challenges and the risk of isolation.

This results in greater cost of living to rural dwellers. That is why I am keen to support the Village SOS scheme. I will be writing to all parish chairmen to make sure they are aware of this and make sure they make the most of this opportunity for their communities."

Village SOS has already helped shops, cafes, pubs and transport schemes.

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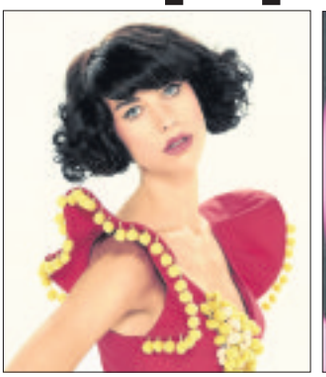
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BEST known for her vocal contribution to Gotye's massive hit Somebody That I Used To Know (not included here), Kiwi pop star Kimbra is New Zealand's answer to Paloma Faith.

She's got a likeable warble and her quirky and funky take on pop recalls the likes of The Cardigans, Dee-lite and even Prince. Highlights include Cameo Lover, Settle Down and the Bjork-ish Something In The Way You Are. She's in concert at Birmingham's Glee Club on August 29.

The Gaslight Anthem – Handwritten

The New Jersey rockers continue to cement their place in the hearts of trad rock fans with their third album. It's produced by former Bruce Springsteen and Peal Jam man Brendan O'Brien, two artists that sum up Gaslight Anthem's musical DNA.

Highlights include the fast-paced title track and new single 45, romantic rocker Here Comes My Man, the swaggering Biloxi Parish, the poignant slow-burner Mae and the acoustic guitar and strings of the closing National Anthem.

See them at Birmingham O2 Academy on October 20.

Conor Maynard – Contrast

Apparently 19-year-old Conor hates being compared with Justin Bieber. Fair enough, because the rising star from Brighton looks a bit more Lee Nelson than the Canadian wunderkind. Musically, Conor delivers a catchy blend of bleeping, scurrying pop that owes as much to video games, cartoon themes and irritating ringtones as R&B.

He's got a reasonable pop voice and certainly has catchiness sorted out, just check out the two hit singles Can't Say No and Vegas Girl included on this debut. Having Jessie J's producers on board can't hurt, especially when he can summon such guests as Ne-Yo, Pharrell and rising star Rita Ora.

Delilah – From The Roots Up

A promising debut from a London singer who had a hit with Go, included here. She has a voice akin to The Cranberries' Dolores O'Riordan and Bjork, her mostly self or co-written songs have roots in trance dance but one gets the feeling that she could strike off in almost any direction from here.

Plan B – Ill Manors

Not the commercial suicide some had predicted, Plan B's (Ben Drew's) return to wholehearted rap with the grimmest, grittiest subject matter has won praise for his state-of-the-nation snapshot of post-riot Britain. It's took him back to the top of the charts but I can't imagine its the same audience that latched on to his radio-friendly soul boy singles.

The emphasis is on the lyrics and there are curious elements among the anticipated grime and reggae influences, including a guest appearance by punk poet John Cooper Clarke and some effectively used classical music samples. Ill Manors is a bleak vision of an urban wasteland filled with drugs, danger and despair. Only those who live on these London estates know how accurate the picture is. Tough subject, tough language and a tough listen.

Amy MacDonald – Life In A Beautiful Light

The Scottish singer-songwriter is a class act though perhaps lacks a consistency as a top quality tunesmith. Her folk-like clarity and light Scots accent plus acoustic guitar lends a rootsiness to the pop/rock sound of her third album.

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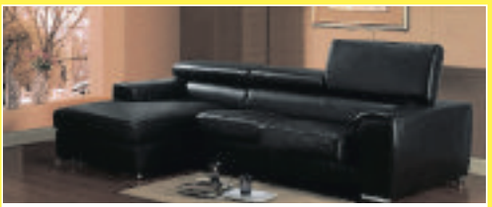
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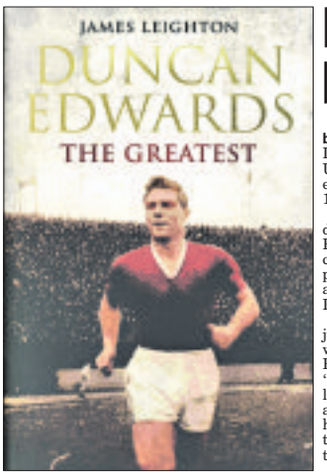
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BOOKS



Cover of 'Duncan Edwards The Greatest'

Dudley's finest would have lived up to billing

Duncan Edwards, The Greatest by James Leighton, £18.99

IT doesn't take a Manchester United supporter to appreciate the enormity – and the tragedy of the 1958 Munich air disaster.

The Busby Babes would have dominated the country and possibly European competition for years to come. But the lives of so many players were lost in their prime, among them Dudley's finest Duncan Edwards.

An England player at the age of just 17, his country's youngest post-war international, many believe Edwards would have lived up to 'The Greatest' tag. By the time he lost his fight for life at 21, he had already earned 18 England caps, had won the League title with United and was head over heels with the love of his life Molly Leach.

Leighton's research is extensive and laudable, taking a chronological look at Edwards' life and career, through to that devastating crash and his ensuing battle for survival. It also looks at life after Edwards and what might have been.

Family members and team-mates are interviewed, including fellow ex-district player and Babe Gordon Clayton, of Cannock.

There is the heartbreaking loss of his sister Carol Anne, his lesser-known dancing ability, his father Gladstone's desire for him to play for Wolves and turning down the chance to join his cousin Ray Stevens at Bolton.

Throughout it all is the tale of a gentle giant who just loved to play football. Even when conscripted to National Service, there was just one thing that Army number 234145376 wanted to do. And when Sir Bobby Charlton says Big Dunc made him feel inferior, you really know he was something special.

Riveting read on sports evolution

Can We Have Our Balls Back Please? Julian Norridge, £9.99

THE subtitle to this work by Julian Norridge is How the British invented sport (and then almost forgot how to play it) and the author has a point.

From the origins of the likes of boxing, rugby, football, horse racing and golf, Norridge describes how the sports derived, how they were adapted and the formation of the rules and governing bodies.

But he argues that although these pastims played – and still play – a leading role in the national psyche, the rest of the world has since put their own stamp on the sports that originated on these shores.

A map of the country shows the birthplace in Upton, Buckinghamshire, of Sir Neville Chamberlain, who invented the game of snooker, apparently, and of Fullerton in Wiltshire, where Northanger Abbey heroine Catherine Moorland first played baseball – years before the Americans claimed to have invented it.

Badminton in Gloucestershire marks the spot where the racquet game was first played, or at least renamed, while in Bury, the dartboard was reputedly invented.

Among the other nuggets are that cricket was first played in Guildford, Surrey on a site where a furniture store now stands, managed by the father of the current England wicket-keeper Matt Prior.

Even the modern Olympic Games were founded in Much Wenlock, Shropshire. And, did you know James I's big contribution to the world of horse racing? He discovered Newmarket.

It's a riveting read for all sports fans. But there is one gripe, that a book written from a British perspective should contain so many words like characterized and recognized with an American 'z' and not an 's'.

Mark Shipp



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NEWS

£2.1m glass arts centre is unveiled at former factory

A £2.1 MILLION arts centre created at a former glass factory has opened after nearly a year of restoration.

The Glasshouse Arts Centre, in Wollaston Road, Amblecote, Stourbridge, was officially opened in a ceremony attended by officials and civic dignitaries.

It has been created at the Lower Glasshouse building, which was once part of the Webb Corbett glass factory, and later Royal Doulton.

The centre has an auditorium for 400 people, a studio theatre for 70 and two commercial workshops.

It also incorporates the Webb Corbett Visitor Centre, which tells the story of the area's glass heritage through displays and interactive screens.

Old machinery used in the glassmaking process is also on display and visitors will be able to learn more about the history of the site itself.

Cultural

The arts centre shares the same site has the Ruskin Glass Centre and has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which provided £1.85m, and £250,000 came from Arts Council England.

The centre will be an artistic and cultural hub for the community and will be used for theatre performances, conferencing and hospitality events.

Local groups will be able to use the site for shows or events and help train the future glassmakers.

by Tim Spiers

The opening event, held in the Lehr Theatre, started with an introduction by Aonghus Gordon, founder of the Ruskin Mill Trust.

Councillor David Sparks, Sarah Bond, of Arts Council England, and Susan Vaile of the Heritage Lottery Fund, were also there.

It is the second phase of development on the site following a £1.4 million refurbishment of the Ruskin Glass Centre at the end of 2010.

The Ruskin Centre now houses 18 businesses providing jobs for more than 30 people and is host to community, business and cultural activities.

The opening of the new arts centre was timed to coincide with the launch of the International Festival of Glass.

And it is hosting this year's British Glass Biennale, an exhibition of glass which will be the centrepiece of the festival.



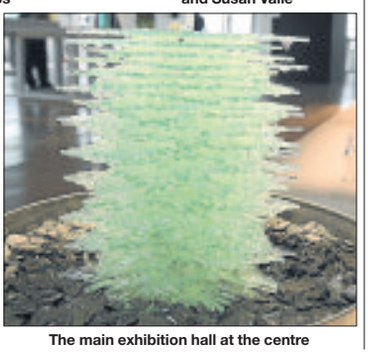
The opening of the Glasshouse Arts Centre, in Wollaston Road, Amblecote, which will be available for use by community groups



Aonghus Gordon, Sarah Bond and Susan Vaile



Inside The Caves room which used to be a basement



The main exhibition hall at the centre

Cheers! Pub revamp to boost jobs

A PUB is preparing to call last orders before it undergoes a £160,000 refurbishment, creating up to 11 new jobs.

The Pear & Partridge, based on the Parkway in Perton, is transforming into a John Barras-owned pub.

The refurbishment is due to take 11 days and will see a new kitchen, bar, decor, furniture, HD TVs and toilets installed.

Team

A husband and wife team - Derek and Helen Appleby - will take over the running of the new pub.

The couple, originally from Newbury, have moved to Wolverhampton following a two-year stint running the Star pub in Haywoods Heath, West Sussex.

The pub closes on August 28 and reopens on September 8. Anyone interested in applying for a job at the Pear & Partridge pub should call Mr Appleby on 01902 758011.

Help needed at woodland tidy

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help tidy up the Tettenhall woodland, where they will be litter-picking, cutting back path edges and removing sycamore whips.

Anyone who wants to take part can head to Mill Lane, Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton between noon and 4pm on Saturday, September 1. Refreshments will be provided.

Rivals run up aid for charities

WOLVES and West Brom may be in different leagues this season but their fierce rivalry continued unabated at the weekend, albeit in cricket format.

Fans of the Black Country rivals went head to head at Wombourne Cricket Club as part of an annual charity fundraiser.

And the game, played between spectators and staff at the club while the regular players watched on, was given extra spice by the appearance of Albion legend "Super" Bob Taylor.

The former Baggies front man gave his team a competitive edge as they knocked their Wolves counterparts for six, winning by 70 runs.

Don Goodman, who played for both Wolves and Albion, also made an appearance during the all-day fundraiser, meeting fans and signing autographs.

It is hoped it raised around £3,000 for Breast Cancer UK and Help for Heroes.

Restart date for cub group

A VILLAGE youth group is to restart again next month.

Pattingham Cub Pack, which is open to boys and girls aged eight to 10, will run every Wednesday from September 5 in the village hall from 6.30-8pm.

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Hard work will be required to set another good Example

YOU'D have expected him to have been focused on the afternoon's show. After all, rave-pop superstar Example was third on the bill at this year's V Festival. But backstage, there was only one thing on the mind of Elliot John Gleave – lasers.

Example will hit the road early in the new year for his second stadium tour and he is determined that it will bigger and better than before. He played to huge crowds in spring, but will be performing to even bigger audiences early next year. His tour will reach Birmingham's LG Arena on February 28.

Example said: "Yeah, we did an arena tour in April this year, so this is the second one. The first arena tour is like a milestone in your career, this time the pressure is on to put on a bigger better show – so I'm thinking about getting lasers involved.

"I've always loved lasers, not many people can say 'Yeah I've got lasers'.

"They cost an absolute fortune, they're seriously expensive, but they're going to make the show incredible."

Before then, Example has the small matter of a new single to promote, Say Nothing, which is out on September 16. His new album, The Evolution of Man, will also follow on November 18. It has been produced by DJ Dirty South.

Example's got work to do to maintain his recent form. His last album, Playing In The Shadows, was a number one hit and he enjoyed two consecutive number one singles, Changed the Way You Kiss Me and Stay Awake.

Say Nothing is an anthemic stadium filler and destined to be a radio smash. To add to the mix, Example recruited the guitar skills of Blur hero Graham Coxon.

● Tickets for LG Arena show in February 2013 are on sale now, priced £25. Visit www.theticketfatory.com or call 0844 338 8000 to book.

Andy Richardson

'Queen' Stacy is ready to rock you



Queen tribute act She Will Rock You fronted by Stacy

THE UK's only female-fronted Queen tribute band will play a gig in Wolverhampton tonight (Thur).

She Will Rock You, fronted by vocalist Stacy Green, will take to the stage at Bilston's Robin 2 .

Drummer Steve Black said: "One of vocalist Stacy Green's biggest influences was the legendary Queen.

"She learnt her trade listening to Freddie Mercury and Brian May as guitarist.

"This has led her to join forces with two current members of Led Zeppelin tribute band Fred Zeppelin and together with bassist Mark Cresswell, myself and guitarist and Elliott Gavin they have formed the only UK female-fronted tribute to Queen.

"With Stacy as Freda Mercury she is now truly the Queen of Rock."

Tickets for Thursday's gig at the venue in Mount Pleasant are £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Call 01902 401211 to book.

The band has a number of other gigs lined up in the region in the coming weeks. This includes a performance at the Fern & Fallow, Stafford Road, Canock, on Thursday, September 13.

Tickets are £5 on 01543 899199. They will also play The Roadhouse in Lifford Lane, Kings Norton, Birmingham on September 20 and Coseley WM Club on September 27.

What a galloping good old giggle

Dandy Dick
Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

TO continue the equine flavour of Pinero's Victorian comedy classic, the action sees each actor fast out of the stalls and the audience left galloping to a good old giggle.

This revival of the 1887 rib-tickler is an exhibition in fine writing, masterclass acting and scene setting. While its formal old-fashioned style may not be to everyone's taste, there is something very soothing about being lost in a world of gentleman callers, drapers' bills and butlers.

Led by old favourites Patricia Hodge and Nicholas Le Prevost, the actors are, to a man, magnificent. Not seen for 40 years, the play tells of an impoverished dean and his frivolous daughters who become involved in the evils of horse racing through the antics of the cleric's wayward widowed sister.

There are surprise guests, mistaken identities, a jail break, a runaway horse and romance. Who could ask for more?

Sarah Cowen

Hotel is to host tribute night to boost charity

A HOST of tribute acts and bands will be taking to the stage in Kidderminster to raise money for charity on September 6.

Among those performing will be Ollie Hughes as Robbie Williams, a Take That tribute group, Antony Edwards as Michael Jackson and Tom Faulks as Michael Buble.

There will also be music from Queen Alive, The Decades Band and DJ Guy Roles

The event, hosted by Kidderminster based Upfront Entertainments, will take place at the Gainsborough House Hotel in Bewdley Hill. It will start at 7:45pm and finish at 11pm.

Money raised will be donated to the Worcestershire Breast Unit Campaign.

Tickets are £3 and are available from Nicky Underwood on 01905 733786.

Rock gets heavy at town hall show

AN Iron Maiden tribute band will among the performers at Kidderminster Rocks on September 14.

Hi-on Maiden will take to the stage at Kidderminster Town Hall in Vicar Street, alongside The Dale Von Minaker Band and Gypsy Pistoleros. The event will run 7.30pm-11.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 and £12 on the door. Another event will be hld on December 14 when Fred Zeppelin will be the headlining act.

Plenty of laughs are promised at the Rose Theatre

THE Nonentities group will stage their product ion of Ghost Writer at Kidderminster's Rose Theatre from September 10 to 15 at the theatre in Chester Road North, Broadwaters.

The play written by David Tristram will follow the mayhem which descends in the aftermath of successful writer Edward's wife's apparent suicide.

Best friend Alex tries to help, but life in the chaotic attic flat becomes just too complicated as the "dear-departed" chooses an awkward moment to reappear to find out who actually murdered her.

It is described as a "laugh-a-minute farcical-comedy".

Tickets are available from the box office on 01562 743745.

All that jazz at Harriers' ground

JAZZ fans can enjoy music from the Kent-based Perdido Street Jazz Band on September 24.

The concert, the latest in the Aggborough Jazz programme, will start at 8pm.

It will take place in the Aggborough Suite at Kidderminster Harriers Football Club.

Tickets will cost £7 on the door. For more details call Alan on 07806841390 or 01562 823931.

The monthly Aggborough Jazz events have been running since 1997.

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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 1.09.12

CHOICE



Jonathan Ross

The Jonathan Ross Show ITV1, 9.55pm

The host is joined in the studio for a chat with Great Britain's double Olympic gold medallist Mo Farah about his recent triumphs in the 5,000m and 10,000m at the London 2012 games. Plus if that wasn't enough for you right there, rapper and actor Plan B discusses his starring latest starring role in new film The Sweeney alongside Ray Winstone, and performs a track in the studio. Model-turned-actress Rosie Huntington-Whiteley (Transformers: Dark of the Moon) and choirmaster Gareth Malone also talk about their latest projects.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying. **2.30** Triathlon. **4.00** Final Score. **5.25** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.45** A Question of Sport: Gold Medal Winners Special.

6.20 All New Total Wipeout. Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram host as 20 more contestants, including quarrelsome neighbours, a Thai-boxer and a glamorous police officer, take on the obstacle course.

7.20 Doctor Who. New series. The Time Lord and the Ponds are kidnapped and forced to enter a planetary prison containing thousands of insane Daleks – and for once, escape seems impossible.

8.10 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. High-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

9.00 Casualty. Sam and Tom are pushed to their limits when a female cage fighter insists on competing – despite their advice – while devastating news puts a wedding in jeopardy.

9.50 BBC News; Weather.

10.10 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including West Ham United v Fulham at Upton Park and West Bromwich Albion v Everton; National Lottery Update.

11.30 The Football League Show.

12.50 Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.05** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.35 Film:** Sodom and Gomorrah. (1962) **3.00 Film:** Ensign Pulver. (1964) **4.40** Coast. (R) **5.10** The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R) **5.55** Flog It! (R)

6.55 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring has too much to drink during a weekend course with Captain Square, but still manages to save Jonesy's life. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)

7.30 BBC Proms 2012. The John Wilson Orchestra and the Maida Vale singers perform music from famous Broadway musicals, including Porgy and Bess, West Side Story, Show Boat and Fiddler on the Roof. First broadcast on Radio 3 on August 27.

9.30 Who on Earth Was Ford Madox Ford? A Culture Show Special. Alan Yentob profiles Parade's End author Ford Madox Ford, exploring his place in 20th-century British literature and looking back at incidents from his colourful life.

10.35 TOTP2: School Days. Mark Radcliffe introduces a selection of archive performances to get viewers in the mood for going back to school, featuring Alice Cooper, Busted and the cast of Grange Hill. (R)

11.35 Film: SoulBoy. (2010) Premiere. A teenager growing up in the 1970s gets drawn into a love triangle in the Northern Soul music scene. Drama, starring Martin Compston, Felicity Jones and Nichola Burley.

12.50 Film: Dead Ringers. (1988)

2.40 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Countrywise. (R) **1.50 Film:** Dennis. (1993) **3.35 Film:** Never Say Never Again. (1983) **5.55** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.25 New You've Been Framed! New series. Harry Hill narrates.

6.55 Fool Britannia. New series. Hidden-camera pranks, with Dom Joly.

7.25 Red or Black? Britain's Got Talent winners Ashleigh and Pudsey and snooker players Judd Trump and Neil Robertson take part in challenges as eight contestants compete for places in the final four. Continues after The X Factor.

8.10 The X Factor. The judges give their verdicts on another line-up of would-be chart stars, from genuine hopefuls to the completely hopeless, as the auditions continue. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.10 Red or Black? Rizzle Kicks collaborate with two champion gymnasts.

9.55 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Mo Farah, Plan B, Gareth Malone and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.10 Film: Pride and Prejudice. (2005) Period drama, starring Keira Knightley.

1.30 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.50** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Presents – Oscar Pistorius "One Giant Leap". (R) **6.05** Paralympic Games 2012 Tonight. (R) **7.00** Paralympic Games Breakfast Show. **9.15** Paralympic Games 2012. Including athletics, track cycling and swimming. **1.00** Paralympic Games 2012. Including track cycling, 7-a-side football, wheelchair basketball and swimming.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Paralympic Games 2012 Tonight. Clare Balding and Ade Adepitan introduce further coverage of the third evening of the Games, featuring athletics, wheelchair basketball, swimming, shooting and table tennis.

10.30 The Last Leg with Adam Hills. The comedian presents an alternative review of the day's Paralympics action, focusing on the key moments and talking points with guests from the sports and showbiz worlds.

11.15 Film: Cloverfield. (2008) Five New Yorkers film the carnage wreaked by a giant monster attacking the city as they try to reach a stranded friend. Thriller, starring Michael Stahl-David and Lizzy Caplan.

12.55 Film: Poetry. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Jeong-hie Yun. **3.15** A Film from My Parish: Six Farms. (R) **3.25** The Fishmonger. (R) **3.30** Happy Endings. The friends await Brad and Jane's spring argument. **3.55** St Elsewhere. Halloran interviews Morrison's co-workers. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. Game show, with Noel Edmonds. (R) **5.35** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.50** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **1.50 Film:** Mystery Woman: Redemption. (2006) **3.30 Film:** Michael. (1996) **5.30 Film:** Jesse Stone: Innocents Lost. Premiere. Detective thriller sequel, starring Tom Selleck. (2011)

7.15 5 News Weekend.

7.20 NCIS. Palmer comes under fire while investigating a murder at a building site on a Navy base, and the discovery of a second body reveals a case of stolen identity. (R)

8.15 CSI: NY. Mac finally realises his stalker's motivation, while Stella leads an investigation into the murder of a subway train driver – only to discover the killer has prepared a trap. (R)

9.10 Celebrity Big Brother. The remaining housemates embark on their final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned Celebrity Big Brother winner on Friday night.

10.10 CSI: Miami. A film producer is killed when an armed robber targets an illegal high-stakes poker game, but forensic evidence suggests another gunman was responsible for the murder.

11.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A corpse is found with a number branded on its arm. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Live at the Apollo **10.00** Russell Kane: Smokescreens & Castles **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four

7.00 Africa's Magnificent Beasts **8.00** She-Wolves: England's Early Queens **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.40** Doctors in the Death Zone **11.40** 20th Century Battlefields

ITV2

3.05 Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **5.15 Film:** Beethoven (1991) **7.05 Film:** Kindergarten Cop (1990) **9.10** Little Mix: The Hot Desk **9.25** The Xtra Factor **10.25** Celebrity Juice **11.10 Film:** The Incredible Hulk (2008)

ITV3

4.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00 Film:** Carry On Cowboy (1966)

ITV4

3.00 British Touring Car Championship Highlights **4.30** DTM German Touring Car Series Highlights **5.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **6.00** Motorcycling **7.00** Cycling **8.00 Film:** Casino Royale (1967) **10.40 Film:** Rocky V (1990)

E4

3.00 Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00 Film:** Under Siege (1992) **11.05** The Inbetweeners

Film4

3.15 Honey, I Blew Up the Kid (1992) **5.00** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **6.45** Planet of the Apes (1968) **9.00** Idiocracy (2006). Sci-fi comedy, starring Luke Wilson. **10.40** The Running Man (1987)





What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 2.09.12

CHOICE



Paul Martin

Britain's Hidden Heritage
BBC1, 6.30pm

While there's not really a lot that's 'hidden' in the series, Britain's Hidden Heritage has been compelling; yes, even without another shock appearance from apparent all-rounder HRH Prince Charles. As the series wraps up, there's still plenty to be explored, as Paul Martin looks into the extensive archives of Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire. Meanwhile Clare Balding discovers how Country Life magazine's 115-year-old photographic collection has helped restore the most unlikely of country house interiors.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix. **3.15** A Question of Sport: Gold Medal Winners Special. (R) **3.45** Ocean Giants. (R) **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** The Indian Doctor. (R)

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.30 Britain's Hidden Heritage. The extensive archive of Berkeley Castle in Gloucestershire, Country Life magazine's photographic collection and the architecture of London's BT Tower. Last in the series.

7.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker discovers what is being done to halt the decline of Oxfordshire's hedgehog population and John Craven leads the judging of this year's photographic competition. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.30 Inspector George Gently. A young woman is left to drown in an upturned car by its driver, but her connection to an aristocratic family's heir apparent impedes Gently and Bacchus's investigation.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2.

11.35 In with the Flynns. Liam tries to earn extra money by giving personal training lessons. (R)

12.05 The Sky at Night. **12.25** Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World. (R) **1.30** Holby City. (R) **2.30** Good Cop. (R) **3.30** The Riots: In Their Own Words. (R) **4.30** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30 Film:** A Tale of Two Cities. (1958) **2.25** Coast. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Burghley Horse Trials 2012. **5.15** Oceans. (R)

6.15 Swimming with Crocodiles. Part one of two. Ben Fogle travels to Botswana to join a pilot research study of Nile crocodiles that involves swimming with the reptiles to learn more about their behaviour. (R)

7.15 Richard Hammond's Crash Course. New series. The host travels across America to drive some of the country's biggest vehicles, beginning in El Paso, Texas, where he takes charge of an M1A2 Abrams tank.

8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May learn about China's expanding car industry, and Richard Hammond immerses himself in the world of Nascar at a race in Texas. (R)

9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Nurse. Maria Connolly, a nurse from Preston, spends two weeks working at a hospital in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico – a city with one of the world's highest murder rates. Last in the series.

10.00 The Best of Men. Drama about the birth of the Paralympics, starring Eddie Marsan. (R)

11.30 Film: The Edge of Love. (2008) Fact-based period drama about the unlikely friendship between the wife and lover of poet Dylan Thomas. Starring Keira Knightley.

1.15 BBC News. **4.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The X Factor. (R) **1.35** Britain Then and Now. (R) **2.30 Film:** Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey. (1993) **4.25** Doc Martin. (R) **5.30** The Talent Show Story. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Coronation Street. Hour-long episode. Rob attacks Ryan when he finds him breaking into the factory, while Steve decides to move in with Michelle, and Owen employs Tina to do the books for him.

8.00 The Cube. Double Olympic gold medallist Mo Farah takes part in a series of fiendishly difficult challenges in the hope of winning a £250,000 charity jackpot. (R)

9.00 The Last Weekend. As the gap between Ian's perception and reality grows, so does his manipulation of Ollie, and the triathlon ends in a battle that has devastating consequences. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Harry's Mountain Heroes. Five wounded soldiers prepare to climb Everest with Prince Harry's support. (R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the opening weekend of the season.

12.40 The Store; ITV News Headlines. **2.45** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.35** Motorsport UK. **4.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Presents – London Dreaming. (R) **6.05** Paralympic Games 2012 Tonight. (R) **7.00** Paralympic Games Breakfast Show. **9.15** Paralympic Games 2012. Including swimming, athletics, track cycling, table tennis, equestrian and rowing. **1.00** Paralympic Games 2012. Including track cycling, equestrian, 5-a-side football and table tennis.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Paralympic Games 2012 Tonight. Further coverage of the fourth day of the Games, featuring athletics at the Olympic Stadium, swimming at the Aquatics Centre and wheelchair basketball at the Basketball Arena.

10.30 The Last Leg with Adam Hills. The comedian presents an alternative review of the day's Paralympics action, focusing on the key moments and talking points with guests from the sports and showbiz worlds.

11.15 Film: Submarine. (2010) Premiere. A teenager is desperate to lose his virginity before his next birthday and save his parents' marriage. Comedy drama, with Craig Roberts, Sally Hawkins, Paddy Considine and Noah Taylor.

1.05 Film: Water Lilies. (2007) Coming-of-age drama, starring Pauline Acquart. **2.30** Veronique. A teenager falls for a French actress. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. (R) **4.40** Ultimate Frisbee. (R) **4.45** St Elsewhere. Dr Craig's estranged brother visits. (R) **5.30** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. The pastry chef demonstrates how to make desserts. (R) **5.40** Freshly Squeezed. Featuring the week's new single releases.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.15 Film:** The Slipper and the Rose. (1976) **3.00 Film:** Belle's Magical World. (1998) **4.50 Film:** The Wizard of Oz. (1939)

6.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa.

7.55 John Barrowman's Dallas: Dreaming of Bobby. Part one of two. A behind-the-scenes look at the new version of the drama. (R)

8.30 John Barrowman's Dallas: Shooting JR. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of BB life.

10.00 9/11: Escape from the Impact Zone.

10.45 Film: Reign Over Me. (2007)

1.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** House Doctor. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Great TV Mistakes **8.10 Film:** Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Bad Education **11.15** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin **8.00** The Thirties in Colour **9.00 Film:** Creation (2009) **10.40** Darwin's Struggle: The Evolution of the Origin of Species **11.40** Paul Simon: Live at Webster Hall, New York

ITV2
3.15 Film: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **5.00 Film:** Babe (1995) **7.00** The X Factor **8.00** The Xtra Factor **9.00** Benidorm **10.00 Film:** I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007)

ITV3
2.55 Film: Anna Karenina (1947) **5.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00 Film:** Dangerous Liaisons (1988) **11.30** Cracker

ITV4
1.40 Film: Casino Royale (1967) **4.20 Film:** Red River (1948) **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Every Which Way But Loose (1978) **11.15 Film:** A Dangerous Man (2010)

E4
3.10 Charlie's Angels **4.05** New Girl **4.35** Suburgatory **5.05** Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Big Momma's House 2 (2006) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** 2 Broke Girls **11.35** New Girl

Film4
2.50 Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) **5.00** Bandslam (2009) **7.10** Failure to Launch (2006) **9.00** This Is England (2006). Drama set in the 1980s, starring Thomas Turgoose and Jo Hartley. **11.05** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)











What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Eagle Eye, BBC1, 11.20pm

Two strangers find themselves on the run from the authorities when they receive mysterious phone calls informing them their lives are in danger. They are forced to follow the instructions of a woman who is tracking their every move, while at the same time trying to discover who is behind the conspiracy. Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson and Michael Chiklis. (2008)

TUESDAY

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Channel 4, 1.50pm

Two notorious outlaws' routine of bank and train robberies is cut short when a seemingly unstoppable posse is formed to catch them. The pair plan to flee America and start a new life in Bolivia, with the Sundance Kid's schoolmistress lover in tow – but staying ahead of the law is not so easy. Western, starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Katharine Ross. (1969)



Eagle Eye, Monday, BBC1, 11.20pm

WEDNESDAY

The Jacket, ITV1, 10.35pm

A marine discharged from service for injury-related amnesia finds himself accused of murder and declared insane. Sent to an asylum, he is subjected to increasingly brutal treatment – but the so-called therapy has an unexpected effect on his mental state. Psychological thriller, starring Adrien Brody, Keira Knightley, Kris Kristofferson, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Kelly Lynch. (2005)

THURSDAY

A Running Jump, Channel 4, 11.50pm

A man's attempt to buy a second-hand car in London's East End becomes surprisingly complicated when he crosses paths with a selection of colourful characters, including a rogue trader and his unusual family. Mike Leigh's short comedy, commissioned for the London 2012 festival, starring Lee Ingleby, Eddie Marsan, Samantha Spiro, Robert Putt, Danielle Bird, Nichole Bird and Sam Kelly. (2012)

FRIDAY

Stay Alive, ITV1, 10.45pm

Youngsters get their hands on a mysterious and grisly video game and immediately start to play. But while battling for the highest score, they begin to realise that the deadly virtual events are becoming a reality – and race against time to pull the plug on the real-life killings. Horror, starring Jon Foster, Samaire Armstrong, Frankie Muniz, Jimmi Simpson, Wendell Pierce, Sophia Bush, Adam Goldberg and Milo Ventimiglia. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Hoping to keep the feel good factor going

We're a sturdy old nation if nothing else. For those of us who sat through the nail-biting Olympic Games – from the opening ceremony through the emotional wins and near-wins of Team GB, to that surprise-laden closing ceremony, we have certainly done ourselves proud.

The eyes of the world have been on us since we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee back in June, and we haven't once crumbled – but the pressure is far from off, as the next stint of the Games is officially declared open in London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Due to the success of the Olympics, ticket sales for the Paralympics have soared and, at the time of writing, the surge had meant it was on track be the first to sell out in the event's 52-year history. London 2012-fever is as rife as ever, something that former Paralympic swimmer Rachael Latham is intensely proud of. She said: "When we won the bid, and everybody was saying how the Paralympics will be so much bigger, I always wondered how they were going to make sure it was on par with the Olympics. And the best thing is that I don't think they've needed to do that much [to promote it] – people simply want it to be [a big hit]. Everyone is excited for the Paralympics, which I don't think we've ever had before. It definitely wasn't like that when I was racing in Beijing. I think it's going to be a new era for the Paralympics."

Rachael is the current European record holder for 200m butterfly, world record holder for 50m butterfly and 200m backstroke British record holder. She took part in two finals in the Beijing Paralympics, but an injury meant she had to retire from competitive swimming in 2009, and couldn't be involved in London 2012 – at least not in the way she had previously known. However, she is on presenting duties and will be covering all the action down on the front line for Channel 4 – and that's the next best thing, according to Rachael.

She explains: "There was no way I wasn't going to get involved in London 2012. When I couldn't go with swimming, I just had to find a new way to be able to get there.

"Obviously I'm an athlete at heart and I always will be but I couldn't have asked for anything more than to be part of the media. Channel 4 is going to do a great job and I'm so excited."

But let's not get ahead of ourselves - as the opening ceremony gets underway, Channel 4 stalwarts Jon Snow and Krishnan Guru-Murthy present from what promises to be a phenomenal start to the occasion; especially given that the Paralympics originated in the UK in 1948.

We can expect a spectacle that challenges perceptions of human possibility, including a fly past by Aerobility, a British charity that trains disabled people to become pilots, a parade of all the competing nations, and, of course, the official entrance of the Paralympic Flame.



Jon Snow presents the ceremony from the Olympic Stadium, London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Harry's Mountain Heroes

ITV1, 9pm

This inspiring one-off documentary follows five soldiers who were wounded on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, but who are now preparing to take on one of the biggest challenges on Earth – scaling Mount Everest. Although Prince Harry (or as the Olympic announcers call him, Prince Henry) was unable to take part in the climb because of other commitments, he has been there to support captains Martin Hewitt and David Wiseman, privates Jaco van Gass and Karl Hinett, and doctor Francis Atkinson in his role as both a patron and a friend. He even turns up to see them off at Heathrow as they prepare to fly to Nepal. But even with a royal to inspire them, the challenge of trying to reach the top is fraught with danger.

New Tricks

BBC1, 9pm

When Jack Halford (James Bolam) ended the last series of the detective drama by telling his boss Sandra (Amanda Redman) that he didn't really care whether he lived or died, most viewers didn't give it that much thought. After all, it wouldn't be the first time a run had ended with the threat that an old dog was going to give up on New Tricks. However, this time around it seems Jack actually meant it, as he shocks Sandra, Brian (Alun Armstrong) and Gerry (Dennis Waterman) by announcing his resignation. The team are keen to find out why, but shadowy Whitehall official Stephen Fisher (Tim McInnerny) wants them to put their skills to a very different use.

TUESDAY

ACCUSED

BBC1, 9pm

Liverpudlian comedian John Bishop has done the odd acting role in the past, but this week's drama really gives him something to get his teeth into. He plays Peter, a father of two whose wife is dying. Peter tries to ease the pain his teenage sons Stephen and Dom will feel, and is pleased to have the help and support of palliative care nurse Charlotte. But eventually, after his mum's death, Stephen suspects that Charlotte may not be the saintly figure his dad thinks she is, and begins to be plagued by doubts and anxieties. But, most puzzling of all, why does former spin doctor Alistair Campbell keep appearing to talk to him?

WEDNESDAY

BRITAIN THEN AND NOW

ITV1, 9pm

In June this year, many people threw street parties to help celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee – and that proved to be a surefire way of getting to know the folk living around them. One such bunch of residents from east London were tasked with recreating the same style of bash that would have gone on in 1953, when the Coronation took place. All they had to go on to help them were a handful of photographs of the event that happened on their road all those years ago – until they managed to track down some of the original partygoers. The research and organisation revealed some fascinating social changes that have happened in the decades since, as this documentary reveals.



Accused, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY

BRITAIN BY NIGHT

ITV1, 9pm

If we're to believe news reports and certain sections of the media, Britain is a dangerous place at night. But it's actually a minority of folk who suffer during the wee small hours; the rest of us get on with our lives just as we would during the day, although if this documentary is anything to go by, thoughts and emotions can be more heightened once darkness falls. Among the people featured here is Tony, whose constant battle to keep London's streets clean once the crowds have gone home is tempered by his feelings toward the break-up of his marriage. But it's not all doom and gloom; Indian bride Nisha's dream is about to come true, while midwife Natalie supervises an emotional delivery.

FRIDAY

UEFA SUPER CUP LIVE

ITV1, 7.30pm

The Stade Louis II stadium in Monaco plays host to the 36th staging of the Super Cup, as last season's Champions League winners Chelsea take on Europa League victors Atletico Madrid. Both sides have won this competition once in their history, with neither doing so as European champions. Chelsea's only success came when they beat Atletico's cross-city rivals Real on this ground in 1998 thanks to a solitary goal from Gustavo Poyet, while the Mattress Makers defeated Inter Milan 2-0 in 2010. Di Matteo and Simeone have turned round the fortunes of their clubs over a short period of time, bringing unexpected success at the highest level against the odds, and both men will be keen to win this piece of silverware to enhance their growing reputations.

In with the Flynns

BBC1, 9pm

They may be as predictable as night following day, but the traditional British sitcom will be a staple of small-screen entertainment long after we're all pushing up the daisies. For newcomers, this one stars Will Mellor and Niky Wardley as a couple raising three children, while having to deal with an irresponsible brother and a grumpy dad. This week, Liam attempts to earn some extra cash by giving personal training lessons. However, the plan backfires when Julie, his first client, wants more from him than just training. Meanwhile, Kevin is heartbroken when he splits with Naimah. Will Mellor, Warren Clarke, Niky Wardley, Alex Carter, Daniel Rogers, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Nadine Mulkerrin star.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. Visible understanding? (7)
8. Wayward ladies become models (6)
9. He doesn't believe in field organisation (7)
10. Small change? (6)
11. He counts and recounts (6)
12. Go through some poetry just to be obstinate (8)
18. Ancient writers made their point with it (8)
20. Fuss about the French in Spain (6)
21. Aptly, a service the abstainer takes comfort in! (3-3)
22. Sid gets mixed up in summaries (7)
23. Hundred and fifty always able (6)
24. They're entitled to strike out (7)

Down

1. Steals the child while it sleeps? (7)
2. Goes off and finds another partner? (7)
3. Hackneyed description of some botanic lichens (6)
5. What one requires to complete the score (8)
6. It hangs about in the cold (6)
7. Inclined to have had shoe repairs? (6)
13. Journalist about to take a drink (8)
14. Letter for a girl I've finished (7)
15. Wrestle like boxers (7)
16. Observe it's not frozen solid (6)
17. Revolting subjects (6)
19. Eagerly Len rummaged about in the locker (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

4. Ratify (7)
8. Proof-corrector (6)
9. Comfort (7)
10. Fastidious (6)
11. Alleviation (6)
12. Penitent (8)
18. Clear (8)
20. Fawn (6)
21. Out-and-out (6)
22. Against (7)
23. Package (6)
24. Uprightness (7)

Down

1. Yield (7)
2. Prominent (7)
3. Restrain (6)
5. Advance (8)
6. Outcome (6)
7. Dale (6)
13. Unbecoming (8)
14. Babyhood (7)
15. Majestic (7)
16. Seemly (6)
17. Bury (6)
19. Menace (6)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sheet-anchor; 9 Log; 10 Tradition; 11 Theta; 13 Elapsed; 14 Entomb; 16 Repose; 18 Prelate; 19 Beset; 20 Guileless; 21 Won; 22 Stateliness. Down: 2 Hug; 3 Extra; 4 Abased; 5 Coinage; 6 Omissions; 7 Clothes-pegs; 8 Inadvertent; 12 Extremist; 15 Meanest; 17 Reveal; 19 Basin; 21 Was. QUICK - Across: 1 Intentional; 9 Apt; 10 Directive; 11 Eider; 13 Cruiser; 14 Outset; 16 Perish; 18 Narrate; 19 Resin; 20 Energetic; 21 Foe; 22 At all events. Down: 2 Net; 3 Elder; 4 Thrice; 5 Occlude; 6 Amidships; 7 Take counsel; 8 Reprehended; 12 Detergent; 15 Evangel; 17 Nettle; 19 Ruche; 21 Fit.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

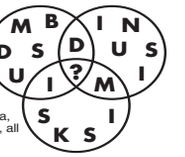
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is A. Rihanna, Madonna, Shakira, all female popstars.

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Zafira Tourer tows the line for quality

FIRST things first, I don't need a seven seater car and I don't need to be able to tow a decent weight . . . but if I did the Vauxhall Zafira Tourer would be up there among contenders.



This third-generation of the model hit our roads earlier this year and has continued its earlier success and built on it. Unlike some MPVs, it is full-size with plenty of space for seven, and also unlike other MPVs, it can actually tow a decent weight. In fact it was named this year's Best MPV at Practical Caravan magazines's Towcar Awards 2012.

By Sharon Walters

The Practical Caravan awards, backed by What Car? magazine and The Camping and Caravanning Club, are based on a vigorous and thorough towcar assessment. Each car is tested by a panel of eight judges for its towing ability, buying and owning costs, drive quality when not towing and practicality.

"The Zafira Tourer really comes into its own when towing," said awards judge Nigel Donnelly, Haymarket Outdoor Leisure Group's editor-in-chief – digital. "At the legal limit and beyond the Zafira Tourer is a relaxing car to tow with. With plenty of power and torque, the 2.0-litre engine pulled car and caravan from 30-60mph in 14.1 seconds. Braking showed the shortest stopping distance in this class. The Zafira Tourer offers strong performance, good stability and space for seven."

"We're delighted Zafira Tourer has won the Best MPV title at the Towcar Awards 2012," said Peter Hope, Vauxhall's marketing director. "The Towcar of the Year awards are an industry standard and by far the most prestigious event in the caravanning calendar."

And while I didn't test its towing capabilities the 2.0 litre version I drove certainly felt it had the capability to hitch up the 'van' for a summer holiday and leave you feeling pretty safe behind the wheel with the kids piled in the back. But I did test some of Vauxhall's flexibility claims by trying out a number of the options Flex7 seating system. There are several including 'Lounge Seating' on key models. When you want seven up the two seats at the very back come up out of the floor and the middle bench seat is now a set of three separate seats which are also each capable of folding and splitting into any number of combinations. In addition the two outside seats slide backwards and inwards against the middle seat which folds to form two arm rests and gives plenty of space.

Lugger

Only downside to seven up is the reduced boot space. But if you want to turn it into a load lugger put all the seats down to reveal 1,860 litres of space – more than enough for a trip to collect flat-pack from Ikea or clear the shed out and head for the tip.

Staying on the inside materials are of a much better quality than the old model and the design means everyone gets a good view of outside from the light and airy cabin. This is made even better if you opt for a panoramic sunroof and the high-top windscreen

There's a choice of two petrol engines and three diesel. My car was the ecoflex with start/stop technology and I really could appreciate the difference in fuel consumption when chugging around town doing odd jobs and stopping off for shopping. Sitting at traffic lights just when they change at one of my regular routes can take some minutes and when the engine switches off it can make all the difference on your monthly fuel bill.

Drivewise it was comfortable and coped well with the potholes on the B roads on my way into work and it smoothly made its way along the M54.

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Survey reveals the much-loved Mazda MX-5 is most reliable car

IN its annual reliability survey of more than 50,000 cars What Car? magazine has confirmed that the iconic Mazda MX-5 sportscar is the most reliable car in Britain.

Mazda MX-5 sportscars manufactured since 2005 recorded a failure rate of just four per cent – the lowest of all cars in the 2012 survey – compared to the next nearest open-top competitor at 15 per cent. With 96 per cent of these Mazda models being fault-free, the MX-5 also achieved an impressive Reliability Index (RI) score of just eight (the lower score, the better the car), while the national average score for individual models was 100. According to the survey, MX-5 owners also benefit from the lowest repair costs with an average repair bill of just £165.

The survey calculates a vehicle's Reliability Index (RI) from several factors – the number of times it fails, the cost of repair, the average time it spends off the road being repaired, its age and mileage.

"It's no surprise that the MX-5 scored so highly in the What Car? annual survey," said David Wilson-Green, Aftersales Director, Mazda UK. "The Mazda MX-5 has won many awards over the years and regularly achieves excellent reviews in the national media for the pure driving enjoyment it provides and its distinctive good looks. Our Japanese brand is renowned for its engineering expertise and for its remarkably reliable models, which is one of the reasons we have so many loyal customers."

For more than 20 years the two-seater MX-5 has captured the hearts of motorists, earning its accolade as the 'world's best-selling two-seater sportscar'. Owners are often attracted to its stylish design and invigorating drive, but Mazda's reliability has played a major role in its longevity, something the What Car? Magazine survey endorses in the September edition.

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SINGLE mum, 36, 2 children, seeks fun loving male with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 382595**

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Rain wins as deluge puts end to match

Kidderminster Victoria 29-1 v Shrewsbury. Abandoned

JUST 29 minutes of play were possible before the weather proved victorious in this Birmingham League Premier match.

Kidderminster lost the toss and were invited to bat, ***writes Brian Gittins.***

After an inspection, the umpires decided a 12.30pm start would be in order.

Matt Pardoe and Andy Kimberlin opened the innings but there were rain clouds in sight.

Pardoe scored 17 but fell to a sharp catch by Tom Cox at slip off the bowling of Joe Leach.

Neil Pinner joined Kimberlin, but with the score on 29 the heavens opened.

Very soon there were puddles all over the ground and it didn't take the umpires and captains long to decide there would no further play.

Kimberlin was left not out on seven with Pinner unbeaten on four.

The match had started at 12.30pm and was all over by 12.59pm.

On Saturday KVCC are at home to Wellington (noon).

Golf four thunder to trophy

PLAYERS battled through thunderstorms at the Kidderminster Golf Club President's weekend.

Winners of the Sally Battin Trophy, with 84 points, were Mike Dyer, John Beasley, Steve Beddoes and Kevin Woodham.

They finished two ahead of Paul Massey, Bob Taylor, John Thompson and David Thorpe, while Richard Jones, Andy Jones, Jonny Fisher and Graham Steadman were third on 79.

The winning mixed team, with 70 points, were Merv Billingham, Ann Billingham, Trevor Argent and Mark Cox.

Ladies winners, also on 70, were Wendy Ray, Jane Murrant, Pauline Evans and Judy Taylor.

Nearest the pin, fifth hole: Mat Rock; 10th hole, Mat Rock; 15th hole, Az Marshall; 18th hole (in two), Dr Kevin O'Connor.

T Harman-Smith Foursomes Trophy: 1 Merv and Ann Billingham 34pts, 2 Paul Massey and Shirley Caswell 32.

Ladies Golf, Nick Underwood Trophy: 1 Yvonne Foley 33pts, 2 Lin Palmer 31. Nine-hole Stableford: 1 Joy Blakeway 13pts, 2 Beryl Dyson 10.

Cricket growth group is an Osca winner

A CRICKET development group has won an Osca.

North Worcestershire CDG was given the honour – the Outstanding Service to Cricket Award – by Worcestershire Cricket Board.

The group has now been shortlisted by the England and Wales Cricket Board for a national award at a dinner at Lord's on October 22.

Father and daughter Ian and Katie Blunt, from North Worcestershire CDG member club Oldswinford, also picked up county Oscas in the official of the year and young volunteer categories respectively. Ian Blunt was also voted coach of the year by the Worcestershire Cricket Coaches Association. The Blunts will both attend the national awards ceremony at Lord's.

The North Worcestershire group meets regularly throughout the year.

It has a membership of 19 diverse clubs ranging from top Birmingham League sides to village outfits.

The members are Amblecote, Beacon, Coombs Wood, Coseley, Enville, Himley, Halesowen, Lye, Netherton, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Pedmore, Penn, Stourbridge, Stourbridge Social, Swindon and Wombourne with Hawkins and Old Wulfs as affiliates.

Cricket

The group disseminates information not only from the county but also from neighbouring counties, the ECB, local authorities and sports development partnerships.

In addition to running 11, 12, 13 and 15 age groups at district level the CDG have taken on the organising of an under-15 six-a-side indoor league throughout the winter and a hugely successful under-nines competition. It runs on a round robin basis at all clubs throughout the season and culminates in finals day competitions all taking place at different venues on the same day.

The group have brought Dudley Building Society and Mercian Trust on board as sponsors for the tournaments and built partnerships with them and the local authority, who assist with funding the under-15s and also give free child protection courses.

The CDG have also organised free introduction to umpiring courses and groundsmen training courses in conjunction with the umpires, groundmen and coaches associations and Village Hotels who sponsor the venue.

The group have also linked with the Black Country Consortium Sports Partnership to access funding for coaches' courses and other initiatives.

They also have links with special needs and junior school organisations as well as a number of clubs.

All their clubs offer facilities for district games free of charge and have started a "return to cricket" campaign with clubs trying to access players over-40.

Defeat comes to the four for the Harriers

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS suffered their fourth straight Blue Square Premier Division defeat – with even worse news to follow.

Midfielder Jack Byrne suffered a tendon injury six minutes from the end of the game, leaving the pitch on a stretcher as Harriers finished with 10 men. Manager Steve Burr said afterwards: "He (Byrne) has got a ruptured Achilles and he will be out for a while now. It was another difficult afternoon and sometimes our decision-making was again not what I would like.

"We're not functioning as a team at the minute and there's no getting away from that so this was a disappointing defeat.

"You can make excuses but we need to start winning and getting some points and it's a very poor start from our point of view. Collectively, as a team we are not producing at the moment."

Recalled

Dartford, like Harriers, had lost their opening three fixtures of the campaign but Danny Harris and Ryan Hayes were recalled to the starting line-up and made an immediate impact.

Harris tested visiting keeper Danny Lewis in the game's first attack of note and moments later Hayes delivered an inviting centre that flew across the goal.

Harriers settled into their passing rhythm, the lively Byrne forced home custodian Marcus Bettinelli to palm away a low drive and the same player left the keeper flat-footed with another effort that went marginally wide of the right upright. Bettinelli again rescued the Darts with another full-length stop to keep out a James Vincent strike as the visitors threatened to break the deadlock before Mark Arber blocked a Ryan Austin effort.

Dartford 1
Kidderminster 0

It was Dartford who opened the scoring on 37 minutes. From a right-wing corner the delivery was inch-perfect as substitute Lee Burns crashed a 10-yard header into the roof of the net.

Harriers introduced Nathan Blissett and Mickey Demetriou at the start of the second half in an effort to find a leveller. Blissett went close with a header and Demetriou forced Bettinelli to palm over a shot before a Ryan Rowe strike was disallowed for offside.

Dartford: Bettinelli, Rose, Green(Burns 25), Bonner, Arber, Hayes (Noble 90+2), Champion, Bradbrook, Rogers, Harris, Crawford. **Subs not used:** Wallis, Erskine, Collier.

Harriers: Lewis, Briggs (Demetriou 46), Austin, Dunkley, Williams, Vincent, Johnson (Pilkington 58), Shakes, Byrne, Malbon (Blissett 46), Rowe. **Subs not used:** Storer, N Vaughan (gk).

Luckless Harriers are lost in a 10-man Forest





Action from Harriers' home loss to 10-man Forest Green which kept them bottom of the Blue Square Bet Premier table. Left, Anthony Malbon gives chase. Right, Danny Pilkington closes in on Eddie Oshodi

Football results, fixtures

Kidderminster & District
Saturday results

Premier: Dudley Wood Ath 2 Dudley Villa 1.

Sunday results

Division 1: Ocean Designs 9 Bull & Bladder 3; Taverners 3 Sporting Hagley 0.

Division 2: Kewford Eagles 0 Olympic Spts 1; Gigmill 6 Waggon & Horses 3.

Division 3: Arley 5 Labour In Vain 5; Pockets 7 Rock Sports 2.

Division 4: Queens Head 0 Ferndale 2; Wollaston Lions 3 Preston 2010 3.

Division 5: Royal Exchange Res 5 Lye 4.

Kidderminster & District
Saturday fixtures

Premier: Birch Coppice v Areley Kings; Lodgefield Park v Kings Heath Old Boys; Two Gates v Kinver; Wyre Forest v Dudley Wood Athletic.

Sunday fixtures

Premier: Franche Village Club v Phoenix Spts; Haden Rgrs v Grange Ath; Oakham Utd v Wolverley Ath; Orton Vale v Kingswinford; Woodside Utd v Honved; Wordsley AFC v Bromley.

Division 1: Caves v Ocean Designs; Chainwire v TS Units; Dudley Spts v Wilden Village; Sporting Hagley v Gornal Fiddle; Stour Park Rgrs v Bull and Bladder; Stourbridge Rgrs v Enville Ath; Taverners v Station.

Division 2: Areley Kings v Wall Heath; Darby End Ath v New Inn Spts; Royal Exchange v Olympic Spts; Stourbridge Ath v Chaddesley Corbett; Waggon & Horses v Maypole Rgrs; White Horse Celtic v Gigmill.

Division 3: Bewdley Arches v Lakeside Utd; Labour In Vain v Stour Glassboys West; Netherton Colts Sen v Cock & Magpie; Pockets v Wollaston Celtic; Sporting Club v Arley; Withymoor v Blue Brick; Wordsley Lions v Rock Spts.

Division 4: Areley Kings Res v Vizi Bar; Ferndale v Mostyn Rgrs; Netherton v Queens Head; Preston 2010 v Clarkes; Tap House v Brit Wollaston; Wilden Village Res v Bewdley Olympic; Wolverley Social v Abberley Vale.

Division 5: Forest Rgrs v Hamilton Rgrs; Lye v Meadow Lark; Marlpool Olympic v Barley Mow Wdrs; Mostyn Rgrs Res v Hillgrove; Norton J v King Billy; Royal Exchange Res v Halesowen; Star 07 v Harriers Arms; Yew Tree v Withymoor West.

Calvin hits late goal in cup draw

Stourport Swifts 1
Continental Star 1

AN EQUALISER by substitute Calvin Dinsley gave Stourport a draw in this FA Cup preliminary round tie.

Dinsley turned and stroked the ball home from a Jamie Willets cross 18 minutes from time.

Star had taken the lead on 15 minutes when skipper Davion Hamilton delivered an excellent free-kick into the penalty area and midfielder Ibrahim Benjamin took advantage of some disarray in the home defence to volley home from the edge of the six-yard box.

Both teams pushed hard for a winner but none came and they were due to replay last night at Dales Lane, Rushall (7.45pm).

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Wipe-out for side struck by absence

Kidderminster Victoria (0pts) 34, West Bromwich Dartmouth (20pts) 36-0. Dartmouth won by 10 wickets

AN under-strength Kidderminster Victoria were humbled at Dartmouth.

County call-ups and holidays left them short for this Birmingham League Premier match, ***writes Brian Gittins.***

Those who played did their best, but could not compete with the opposition who were virtually at full strength. The threat of rain did not materialise, but losing the toss meant having to bat on a wicket that was soft and lacked a bit of pace.

Aatif Ali and Naheem Sajjad returned superb figures. Ali posted a return of 11.5-3-21-5, while Sajjad's was even better: 11-5-9-5.

West Bromwich also took eight catches with wicket-keeper Mark Fisher accounting for five of them.

Kidderminster's batting did not get going, with only one player, Marc Edwards (9), getting close to double figures. It took West Bromwich's openers Kadeer Ali (21 not out) and James Campbell (14 not out) just four overs to knock off the runs. The 10-minute break between innings aside, the match lasted just one hour and 36 minutes.

KVCC host bottom-of-the table Wellington on Saturday.

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Matches hit by downpour

RAIN again interfered with both Cookley XIs' promotion chances as all their weekend games were abandoned.

However, rival sides managed to play and gain points on the villagers.

After a Saturday washout against Himley, the firsts travelled to Harvington on Monday who posted 226-6 (Paul Thomas 4-33) and declared early to prevent any additional bonus points for the Worcester County Division Three leaders.

Harvington closed the gap at the top to three points. With two games left, a win from either will secure Cookley promotion.

The seconds went to Wormelow only to have to abandon the game after just nine balls.

On Monday against Worcester Dominies, Cookley made 150-5. Dominies were 12-1 before the rain.

'Rotten' weekend, but Neal still in box seat

Touring cars

WORCESTERSHIRE'S Matt Neal suffered a "horrid weekend" yet extended his lead in the British Touring Car Championship.

Robert Collard and Dave Newsham shared the wins in the latest round at Knockhill, Fife in front of a big crowd which included Olympic cycling legend Sir Chris Hoy.

Neal and title rivals Gordon Shedden and Jason Plato had their ups and downs but Neal is still on top with three rounds to go.

Plato started race one on pole but crashed out after a tangle between his MG KX Momentum Racing MG6 and Aron Smith's Redstone Racing Ford Focus. This left the way clear for Collard and Tom Onslow-Cole to finish first and second in their WSR-prepared eBay Motors BMWs. Shedden was third in his Honda Yuasa Racing Team Civic and team-mate Neal seventh.

It was the same top three in the second race as defending champion Neal this time finished eighth. Plato was 11th, his car struggling with turbo-related problems.

Inverness's Newsham, high in confidence after his maiden win at Snetterton a fortnight earlier, then took victory in the third race in his Team ES Racing.com Vauxhall Vectra. Jeff Smith followed in his Pirtek Racing Honda Civic for the first podium result of his BTCC career. Neal picked up third, while Shedden and Plato both retired.

It meant Neal stretched his advantage over Shedden to 10 points while Plato – who had gone into the event 10 points behind – is now 36 points adrift in third.

Neal said: "I've no idea how I am still in front. It's been a horrid weekend, but Gordon's retirement in that third race plus a bad day for Jason saved my skin."

Fife's Shedden said: "This was meant to be one of our stronger circuits and the next three, Rockingham, Silverstone and Brands Hatch require good straight line speed which is where we are lacking."

Oxford's Plato had also expected more from Knockhill, particularly after his pole position lap. The double champion said: "It's an opportunity for us to take more points out of the Honda drivers and even take the championship lead gone begging.

"We've clearly got the performance – we've just had rotten luck but it's certainly not over yet."

Honda/Dynamics and the Honda Yuasa Racing Team continue to lead the manufacturers/constructors and Hi-Q Teams standings.

EXODUS BEGINS AS STAR LOOKS TO GO

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS captain Exodus Geohaghon wants to leave the club by the end of tomorrow after receiving an offer "too good to turn down" from Mansfield.

Geohaghon only signed for Harriers just under two months ago but is already seeking a move after being made aware of interest from their Blue Square Bet Premier rivals.

The clock is ticking down to tomorrow's transfer deadline day, which could leave Geohaghon stuck at Aggborough.

by Craig Birch

The 27-year-old finished last season with the Stags on loan from Darlington but was not offered a good enough deal, at the time, to extend his stay at Field Mill.

The 6ft 5in centre-back joined Harriers instead – but Paul Cox's men have again came calling and their interest appears to have turned the player's head.

Harriers could well have cause to lodge a complaint with the Football Association if they suspect their skipper, who is tied to a one-year contract, has been tapped up.

Investigation

Mystery surrounds how Geohaghon has been made aware of the interest and Harriers boss Steve Burr revealed he was only informed of the move through the player.

He said: "We spoke to Exodus and Mansfield have spoken to him about joining them. I asked him what he wanted to do and he said the offer from Mansfield was too good to turn down.

"I want players who want to play here."

Geohaghon was left out of Saturday's 1-0 reverse at Dartford and Monday's loss, again by one goal, at home to Forest Green Rovers.

Cheyenne Dunkley, a summer arrival from Hednesford, came in for his Harriers debut but couldn't turn the tide as the team made it five straight defeats.

Harriers' nightmare start to the season continued with James Norwood's late winner for 10-man Rovers.

Norwood struck in the 81st minute for unbeaten Forest Green, who had midfielder Omar Koroma sent off in the 34th minute for a second bookable offence.

They also had goalkeeper Sam Russell to thank for a couple of excellent saves while Harriers also had two 'goals' disallowed.

Harriers, who had not lost to Forest Green in their 10 previous meetings, now visit fellow strugglers Barrow on Saturday in a bid to pick up their first points in what seems destined to be a long, hard campaign.

They made seven changes to the side which lost at Dartford on Saturday.

Anthony Malbon saw efforts ruled out for offside and handball before Koroma's red card in a game in which three other players from each side were booked.

Lee Vaughan came in for his first game of the season following suspension, but Jack Byrne was carried off at Dartford and is likely to be out long-term with a ruptured Achilles.



Kidderminster striker Nathan Blissett takes on Eddie Oshodi at Aggborough in the 1-0 loss

Rush to get in the swim

WYRE FOREST Swimming Club has been flooded with enquiries following the Olympics.

Membership secretary Carole Walters said: "We always get parents asking about swimming sessions at this time of year but this month's enquiries are up 200 per cent.

"The whole area seems to have caught Michael Phelps fever. I'm getting called by non-swimmers as well as children who can already swim who want a go at competing.

"I put it down to the success of our swimmers in the Olympics, especially local girl and club member Amy Smith."

For details of Wyre Forest Swimming Club sessions, call her on 01299 825769

The club is also staging a Herefordshire and Worcestershire assessment day for disabled swimmers at Stourport Leisure Centre on Saturday, September 15. Registration is 4.30pm with swimming from 5-6.30pm.

The event is aimed at engaging with young people with a disability who would like to get more involved with the sport.

Game hit for six by showers

BEWDLEY CC firsts endured another wretched weekend of weather.

On Saturday, the game against Alvechurch was abandoned without a ball being bowled, and on Monday they reached 146-9 against Enville before rain brought an early finish.

The seconds dodged the heavy showers on Saturday to secure a winning draw at home to Alvechurch, which gives them breathing space in their battle to avoid relegation from Worcestershire County League seconds' Division One.

Martin Flack (40) and Pete Mauger (30) gave Bewdley a solid foundation and Stephen Molyneux (80) continued his good run as Bewdley closed on 216-8.

Alvechurch started well, but Mark Hudson (4-21) and James Marsh (3-49) changed things as Alvechurch clung on at 136-9.

On Monday the seconds were bowled out for 151 by Pedmore with Connor Franklin making a fluent 56. Rain stopped the Pedmore innings at 40-1.

KCs on song in workout

KIDDERMINSTER Carolians' training match against Wednesbury did not take place after a late cry-off by the Black Country side.

But a game at Pershore provided the KCs squad with a workout and they ran out comfortable winners, 27-0.

Try scorers were Billy Bennett (2), Chris Baldwin, Rob Phillips and Alex Thompson. Andy McLellan added one conversion.

A squad training day will be held on September 1. League action begins a week later away to Earlsdon.

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